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Where does he go from here?

A fight is taking place within the republican movement between those who argue in favour of 'military' means as the best and quickest way of achieving their aims and those who say that the political route would be more productive. Yesterday, Gerry Adams came closer than ever before to exposing the depths of that struggle to public gaze

David Sharrock in Belfast and Michael White

SINN Fein president Gerry Adams came closer than ever before to renouncing violence as a political tool yesterday when Dublin and John Major put sustained pressure on his party to clarify its position on the IRA's 'armed struggle'.

Mr Adams was speaking as the Irish government decided to maintain a channel of communication with Sinn Fein in spite of the Manchester bomb. Loyalists warned that it placed even greater pressure on their increasingly fragile ceasefire.

A Dublin spokesman said the contact with Sinn Fein would be used to explore the continuing possibility of an IRA ceasefire. But it would also be reviewed in the light of the party's responses to two questions: has Mr Adams sought a ceasefire from the IRA and does he continue to support the IRA's 'armed struggle'?

Confronted on Irish radio yesterday by those questions, Mr Adams said Sinn Fein wanted to "see an end to the armed struggle". He continued: "We're not involved in it and we do not advocate it."

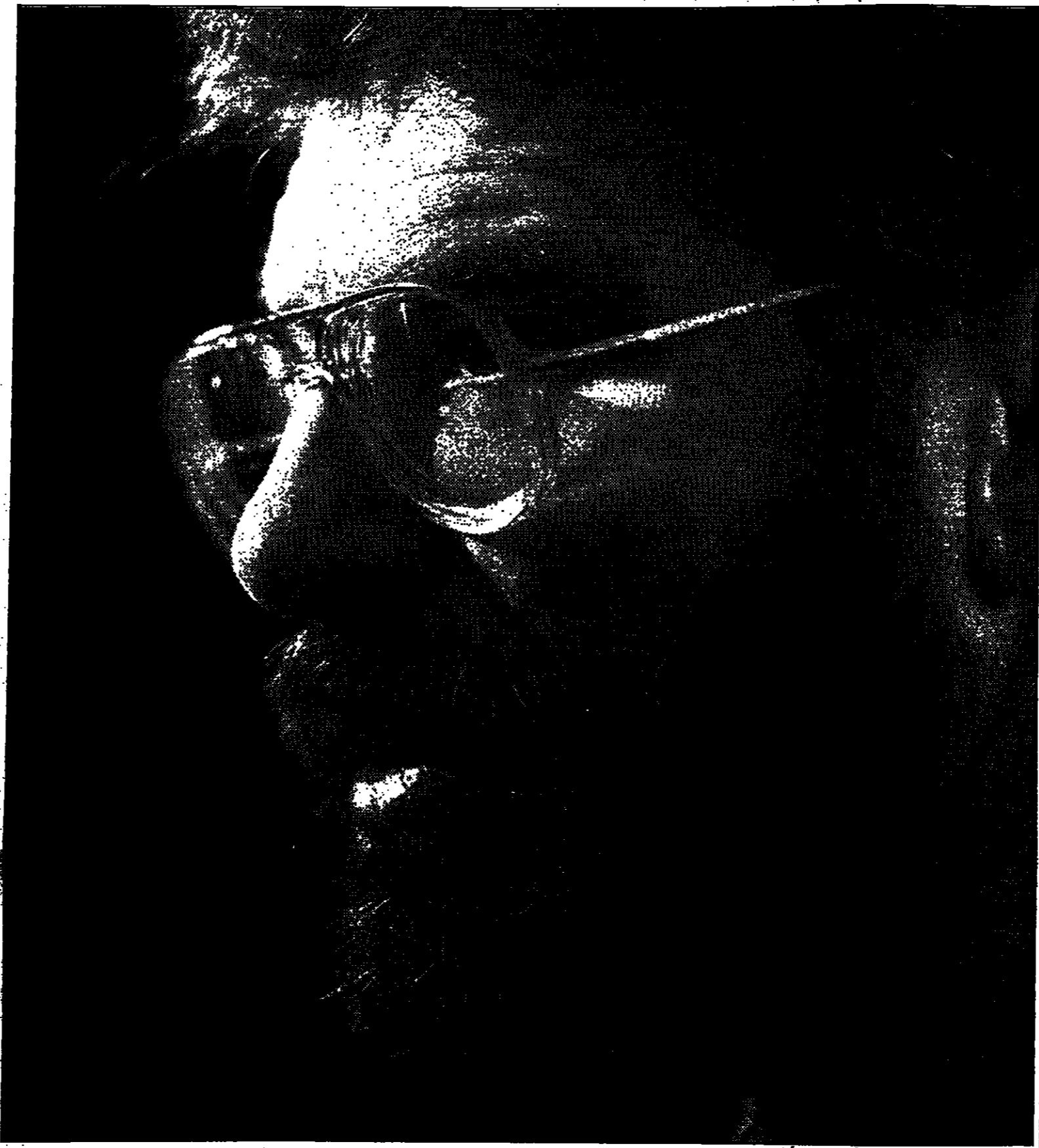
The interview, with its sometimes tortuous language, hinted at the depth of the struggle of ideas taking place within the republican movement at present, as "militarists" battle with "politicians" over the best way forward.

But Mr Adams's comments also raised more questions about the original logic behind the IRA's 17-month ceasefire.

Was Sinn Fein's "peace strategy" built upon the premise that in return for the ending of IRA violence, the British presence in Ireland would slowly but most surely come to an end, with or without Unionist consent?

If this was not the case, at what stage did the republican leadership intend to inform its grassroots supporters that British withdrawal is only obtainable through the consent of a majority of people living within "the partitioned North and Ireland"?

Mr Adams said Sinn Fein



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understood how in certain conditions armed actions were seen as legitimate: "That has been the international experience." But he added: "I want to see an end to armed struggle. That is the clear concise, non-complicated answer to the question."

The reality of the situation is that there was no armed struggle for a year and a half. The reality of the situation is that those of us who were trying to move the process forward were slapped in the face by the British government."

Turning to the recent IRA murder of an Irish policeman and the Manchester bomb, he said: "I wish there had not been the killing of Garda McCabe in Adare. I believe that it should not have happened and the news that individual IRA volunteers were involved makes it even worse from my perspective."

"I wish that the bomb had not happened in Manchester. I wish that there weren't British soldiers on the streets of the Six Counties."

"I wish there wasn't discrimination. I wish there hadn't been Unionist domination. I wish that our island wasn't partitioned."

"But the reality is that we deal with the objective situation and the conditions which exist in making peace. And making peace is very difficult." Mr Adams said that he accepted that it was his responsibility, along with others to try to end the violence.

"The question, I think, in terms of what the IRA can or should do is one which obviously I am working at and I will continue to work at it."

Dublin's tough series of challenges to Sinn Fein were echoed almost exactly by John Major when he condemned the "callous and inhuman" Manchester bombing in the Commons and called it "the moment of truth" for Sinn Fein.

Tony Blair aligned the Labour Opposition behind the

The Irish questions

The questions that were put to Gerry Adams by the Irish government yesterday:

Q: Does your party continue to support the "armed struggle" of the IRA?

A: I want to see an end to armed struggle. We are not involved in it and we do not advocate it.

Q: Have you yet gone to the IRA for a ceasefire and if not, why not?

A: I don't think it's helpful for me to speculate about exactly where that is at this time.



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England party on, but it's over for Scotland

John Duncan

DEVILS' chairs and streams of tequila were forgotten and forgiven at Wembley last night, and the only open mouths were swallowing humble pie by the bucket load in the press box as England thumped one of the Euro 96 favourites, Holland, 4-1. A late goal, however, robbed Scotland of a place in the quarter-finals, in which England meet Spain at Wembley on Saturday.

"This is the most satisfying night of my reign," England coach Terry Venables said after the game. "Saturday was good but this is better. I can rest peacefully now. It's all the more satisfying because of the opposition. You simply don't expect that sort of result against that quality of opposition."

It was the finest Wembley performance from an England team for at least three years. In April 1993, Graham Taylor's England grabbed a 2-0 lead in a fine match, also against the Dutch, but eventually could only draw 2-2.

As Teddy Sheringham netted his second goal and England's fourth, only the 10,000 Dutch fans in the stadium were as silent and disbelieving as a press corps that had given England's players a roasting after their first match, a 1-1 draw with Switzerland, and cautious congratulation after a somewhat fortunate 2-0 win over Scotland.

The three key figures were all newspaper mules barely a month ago, all under cruel spotlights before the tournament began. Paul Gascoigne, who made the third and fourth goals and seemed to have thrown off the travails and misery of five years in which he has been written off more times than a 1976 Ford Capri, was outstanding.

Alan Shearer, who came into the tournament lumbering under the weight of a long goal-scoring drought, was unshackled by another two goals yesterday, the first from the penalty spot, which made him the tournament's leading goalscorer.

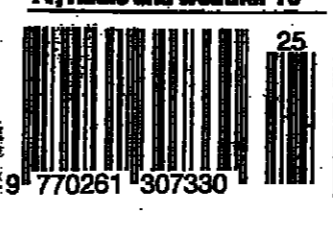
And Teddy Sheringham, the image of whose ripped, sodden shirt and glazed eyes captured in a Hong Kong nightclub barely a week before the tournament began, left a prettier picture in the mind with another two goals that confirmed a rout and sent all the English supporters at Wembley wild with joy.

Venables could be forgiven a furtive gloating glance behind him at the critics he feels have stabbed the team in the back, who were forced to acknowledge a stunning performance.

Two years of increasingly harsh criticism, of exposés of his business dealings and increasing vitriol about his management of the team had left Venables looking weary and wanting a way out. However, he was not hurrying to any exits at Wembley last night, but lingering to bask in the glory.

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Sketch

Loyal hooligans fan Major's ire



Simon Hoggart

THE centre of London was full of Dutch football hooligans yesterday. They had the right accoutrements: flags painted on their faces, silly orange hats, orange tee-shirts barely covering vast white bellies as they swilled Heinekens (I suppose that's their equivalent of Watney's Red Barrel) and chanted their Lowlander chants. But, to be frank, they weren't real hooligans. They were hooligans who were careful not to block the pavement, who put their McDonald's boxes in bins, and would only kick the heads off tulips if they'd bought them first. I was reminded of this in the House of Commons, at Prime Minister's Question Time. MPs would like to be world-class hooligans, but they haven't quite got it. They give the impression of having learned hooliganism from a mail-order course. Even Michael Neubert, as loyal a Tory as ever bent a knee in (no — to stroke the Prime Minister with well-polished wing tips; he was a Dutch-style hooligan, after all) during a tribute to the late Fitzroy Maclean. Sir Fitzroy, he said, was a soldier, diplomat, MP and patriot. "With an enviable gift for getting out of tight corners", he added to Labour delight. The first hooligan, armed with a toy "Junior Yobbo" Stanley knife, was Mr Roger Berry (Lab, Kingswood). Was the Prime Minister aware that he had spoken for the nation last Friday when he said that he had had a "bellyful of the Tory Party"? Mild though it was, this barb got a hearty laugh (even, sotto voce from a few Tories). It is Mr Major's habit, at such times, to pause for a while — as if he were preparing a lethal reply — and then produce a clunker. "I have to say that his quote is inaccurate," he began. (Technically, this is true. What he'd had a bellyful of was the "noise" being made by rivals in the party.) Then came what was meant to be the killer boot in the groin: "But it could certainly be applied to questions like this." Oh, well. As the great impresario Florenz Ziegfeld used to say: "Next!" Then an MP — hitherto unknown to me — asked a question so greasy, so dripping with unctuous, smelly cod liver oil, that we can expect to see him in the Government's in the next reshuffle. Mr Peter Ainsworth (C, Surrey E) actually suggested that more and more people in Germany now envied the British economy, with its "low inflation, stable growth, flexible labour markets and full employment". The main reason for those blessings is that skilled British workers can now earn a salary which would be rejected by a German toilet attendant, and MPs on all sides know this very well. Which is why Labour MPs jeered with cheerful cynicism, and why many Tory MPs had the grace to look embarrassed by Mr Ainsworth's vat of molten lard. But causing nausea in your own side is exactly what the whips are looking for, and I know he will go far. Then we had a fine new Majorism. I wish I could reproduce for you the outraged, plangent, piping tone in which it was delivered. If you happen to be reading this at around 8.46am, why not tune to Radio 4, and chant along with him during Yesterday in Parliament? He had been asked about the attack on the Government made on Monday's Panorama, and he replied imperiously: "Of course, I didn't waste my time watching Panorama! I've watched more productive things to do with my time than waste it watching nonsense from Panorama!" (Perhaps he was watching the new George Cole series on ITV at the same time, about a politician "who reckons without the helplessness of his fellow politicians".) Not a good day for the PM. If I were him, I would have pulled on an orange fright-wig and so slipped away unnoticed in the crowds.

Review

Dean's icy blast of love and life

Judith Mackrell

Encounters/English National Ballet Royal Festival Hall

CHRISTOPHER DEAN had never made a ballet before but he is Britain's most famous choreographer and, whatever artistic risk the English National Ballet might have taken in commissioning his work Encounters, the bank must surely have cheered them on. Given that the piece is autobiographical and that it's set to classic songs by Paul Simon, surely his move from ice to stage could not fail. The opening section, set to a recording of "The Sound of Silence" and with Dean reincarnated as the dancer Thomas Edur, looks good. Trapped by an ice-blue spotlight and the swelling of an invisible audience's cheers, Edur is polyanthly credible as Dean the vulnerable star. He possesses greatness of his own, plus he can look anguished without appearing self-pitying. The ballet is probably unthinkable without him. All the other characters in Dean's life then come on and dance (parents, stepmother, two wives, and of course Jayne Torvill) and you see at a glance how successfully Dean has replicated the waxy lifts and turns that make ice dance so seductive. The bodies dip and soar around each other. His problem is that dancers need steps to get from one climax to another, they can't just glide across unresisting ice, and Dean has too small a vocabulary of floor-bound moves to develop his choreography interestingly. He rarely uses the dancers' feet. He also misreads the fact that effects which can be written large in a skating rink feel monstrously crude on stage, like Edur meeting his mother, after she has come to the lyrics of Mother and Child Reunion. The duet for him and Jayne, is lovely, light, unabashed pleasure, and the number 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover, which shows his first wife insinuating herself into his life and then getting sorted by Agnes Oakes as a radiantly bitchy wife no. 2, is downright funny. The audience loved every minute. In Patrick Lewis' Unrequited Moments, Lisa Zevans dances with Dmitri Grudzev while wishing she could dance with Greg Horsman. He's unfortunately already dancing with Monica Perego. Pavane sends smouldering glances his way while trying to dodge Grudzev's kisses. Lewis makes fluent, spacious dance out of all this but the politeness of the work is deadly. He cites MacMillan as his inspiration, but MacMillan knew that to portray love and obsession you had to dance dirty. This review appeared in some editions yesterday.



Flight of fancy amid traditional toppers on the first day of Royal Ascot yesterday. The Queen Mother, aged 95, attended Sport, page 24 PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Britain's 'trade in terror'

Government allows exports of weapons for torture, says Amnesty report

Maggie O'Kane

THE British Government is "trading in terror" by allowing the export of torture equipment, according to Amnesty International. Britain is one of only six countries — including China and Russia — which are "organising the export of military and security equipment to regimes that kill and torture their victims", the pressure group says. In its annual report, released today, Amnesty says British companies have organised the supply of electric shock equipment to countries where it is used for torture. Amnesty's investigator, James Wood, says he believes the Government is turning a blind eye to British companies trading in torture on the international market and specialising in human electric shock weapons. Mr Wood claimed that British companies were playing a "significant part" in the supply of electric torture weapons to some 40 countries around the world. He alleged that five British companies, SDMS Security Products of Chelsea, west London, offered to supply 300 electric shock weapons to Zaire manufactured by its

SDMS SECURITY PRODUCTS LIMITED. Philip Anderson, E. Lopez Associates, P.O. Box C71 4007, St. Gallen, Switzerland. 205 Fettes Road, London SW16 2JL. Tel: 071 876 2511 Fax: 071 231 4500 Telex: 829411 Reply. 28th February 1996. Dear Philip, Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you on the quotation you have ordered the Electric Shock Batons manufactured by our associated company in South Africa. I have spoken to the manufacturer and please to confirm that Police and Military authorities in the following countries have ordered the batons over the past four years: Cyprus, Portugal, Greece, Tanzania, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Bahrain, U.A.E. Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Belgium, Finland, Bulgaria, Spain, Switzerland, Angola, Swaziland, Namibia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Pakistan, Mexico, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Lesotho and Burma. As I mentioned to you, in some of the above cases SDMS, rather than the manufacturer, have supplied the equipment. With best regards, David Kellie, David Kellie Director.



A letter from SDMS confirming orders for electric shock batons, and (right) a Fretilin guerrilla patrol in East Timor

Amnesty says, no action has been taken against at least two British companies, one in Scotland and one in England, where electric shock weapons were seized early last year after an exposé by Channel 4's Dispatches programme. Amnesty has also accused the Department of Trade and Industry of refusing to reveal what trading licences it has issued to British companies to allow them to get involved in the international supply of electric shock weapons. "We don't know who is being supplied with these weapons and the DTI won't tell us who is making them. If we were talking about drug money the police would be down on them like a ton of bricks," Mr Wood said. The DTI said last night that it deplored the use of torture, but did not comment on the issue of licences for commercial reasons. As well as Britain, the Amnesty report names the United States, Germany, Russia, China and France. It concludes that "responsibility for human rights abuses does not lie only with those who pull the trigger or apply the electric shock... it also lies with those who supply the weapons and the training needed to use them." Amnesty claims at least 10,000 detainees were tortured, raped or ill-treated last year, in 114 countries, including Yugoslavia, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico and Sudan. The report found that more than 4,600 people died as a result of torture or inhuman prison conditions in 54 countries including Egypt, Kenya, Burma and Turkey.

Firms rescue Millennium party

Bottomley gives go-ahead to £500m Greenwich exhibition

Dan Glaitter and David Hencke

AFTER months of uncertainty, Britain's Millennium celebration was back on course to meet its deadline last night after Heritage Secretary Virginia Bottomley announced that the £500 million project at Greenwich would definitely go ahead. "The country can look forward to a celebration of which it can be very proud indeed," said Mrs Bottomley, chairwoman of the Millennium Commission. "On the basis of the substantial support received from the private sector, we are happy for work on the exhibition at Greenwich to continue. Although Mrs Bottomley did not reveal how much money had been raised, it is understood a number of companies have made informal commitments to contribute

£144 million. Companies thought to have pledged support include Amec, BT, BAA, BE, British Aerospace and BSB. Mrs Bottomley said Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, would be made chairman of a new company which will run the celebration. London First, a private consortium formed to promote the capital, welcomed the decision to go ahead with the exhibition. "It is a great day for London," said chief executive Stephen O'Brien. "London can now plan to lead the world's Millennium celebrations." But Labour's Heritage spokesman Jack Cunningham criticised the Government for its handling of the project. "The Government's approach to the exhibition has been slow, confused, and less effective than it should have been," he said. "The Government has left the organisers

short of time and money." The Greenwich scheme ran into problems when the private sector showed reluctance to come up with the required funding of £150 million to match the Millennium Commission's contribution. In February, Sir Peter Levene was appointed to encourage industry to contribute to the scheme. But it emerged last month that no significant pledges of support had been received. Deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine became involved and a series of meetings with leading corporations were arranged. Earlier yesterday, a row broke out over allegations that businessmen had been given the impression that they could obtain peerages with donations to the Greenwich exhibition fund. A parliamentary motion tabled by Labour's Ken Purchase and John Spellar called on the Government to ensure that it was clear that awards of peerages are "the sole prerogative of the Queen". They express alarm over

reports "that a link may exist in the minds of certain captains of industry between peerages and corporate donations of £5 million or more towards reviving the Greenwich Millennium bid and the future award of a peerage." Mr Purchase said Labour had received a series of leaks of the talks between Mr Heseltine and disgruntled businessmen who were furious that their arms were being twisted. Mr Heseltine is reported to have told them that it was nothing to do with investment but merely "an act of faith" to put up the £150 million. Mr Heseltine said of the allegation: "I would not dignify it with a response." Industry leaders had criticised a lack of detailed plans for the Greenwich celebration, but it is thought that the scale of the commitment may have put them off. It was originally hoped that 12 private sponsors would each back one of the 12 pavilions in the exhibition. These are to be arranged in the form of a clock face, each one representing a different aspect of time.

Murder victim found buried at house rented by Nacro

Stephen Lyle and Duncan Campbell

POLICE in Cheshire yesterday began tracing ex-prisoners who have used a house in Warrington where the body of a man has been discovered buried under floorboards. Excavations of the garden are being carried out. The dead man, who has not been identified, was found wrapped in a plastic sheet in a house rented by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. Post-mortem examination revealed that he was stabbed in the chest. Police believe he was buried three months ago. His body was discovered after a cleaner employed by Nacro reported a smell to council health officials. The house has been used by ex-offenders since last year. Police have visited it on a number of occasions, although mainly in connection with noise complaints. Detective Chief Inspector Frank Ball, who is heading the murder inquiry, said yesterday that Cheshire police were trying to establish the dead man's identity. He is described as being 35-45 years old, about 10 stone and with curly brown hair starting to go grey. Police want to trace everyone who has lived in or visited the house in the past 18 months. "We understand the house was last occupied about four weeks ago," said Mr Ball. Cheshire police have not ruled out the possibility of finding further bodies in the house and have begun a thorough search of the property. The owner of the house, who did not wish to be named, said yesterday that he was not told that his property, in a quiet cul-de-sac in the Bewsey area, would be used to house former prison inmates and believed it had been rented for homeless people. "I specifically asked if it was for jailbirds and they said no, so I wasn't very pleased when I found out what Nacro stood for. In the circumstances I wouldn't say I was exactly shocked or taken aback by what has happened," he said.

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DUNBLANE INQUIRY: Shadow Scottish Secretary argued with Hamilton after withdrawing son • 'Death blow' letter sent to Forsyth

'Hitler Youth' boys' club shocked MP

Friend Clouston

THE shadow Scottish Secretary, George Robertson, yesterday told the inquiry into the Dunblane massacre how he removed his 10-year-old son from a boys' club run by Thomas Hamilton after becoming alarmed at its "Hitler Youth" image.

Mr Robertson, MP for Hamilton, who lives in Dunblane, said he had gone to a club session at the high school with another parent and was alarmed by the military atmosphere as they watched, unnoticed, for about 10 minutes. "I was struck very quickly by the bizarre nature of what was happening inside the gymnasium," he told the Clouston inquiry. "There were large numbers of small boys in shorts being bossed around by two to three middle-aged men swaggering around in a very military type of way — a bit like the Hitler Youth, there was certainly a military element in that."

"The two of us had an immediate gut feeling that there was something bizarre about the scene," Mr Robertson said. He and the other father decided on the spot to withdraw their sons. The next day, said Mr Robertson, Hamilton came to his house wearing, as was his custom, a parka covering his head, wanting to know his reasons for withdrawing his son, Malcolm. Hamilton was "calm and ordered but pretty determined."

Mr Robertson told the inquiry, "I got pretty angry and said quite frankly that wasn't his business." He told how he raised his concern with the man who is now his chief political opponent, Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary and MP for Stirling, where Hamilton lived. In his evidence, Mr Robertson pointedly refused to criticise Mr Forsyth for failing to take action after an informal discussion about Hamilton at Westminster. "I found myself in the same difficulty many other people had — it was difficult to put your finger on what people felt was wrong with Thomas Hamilton."

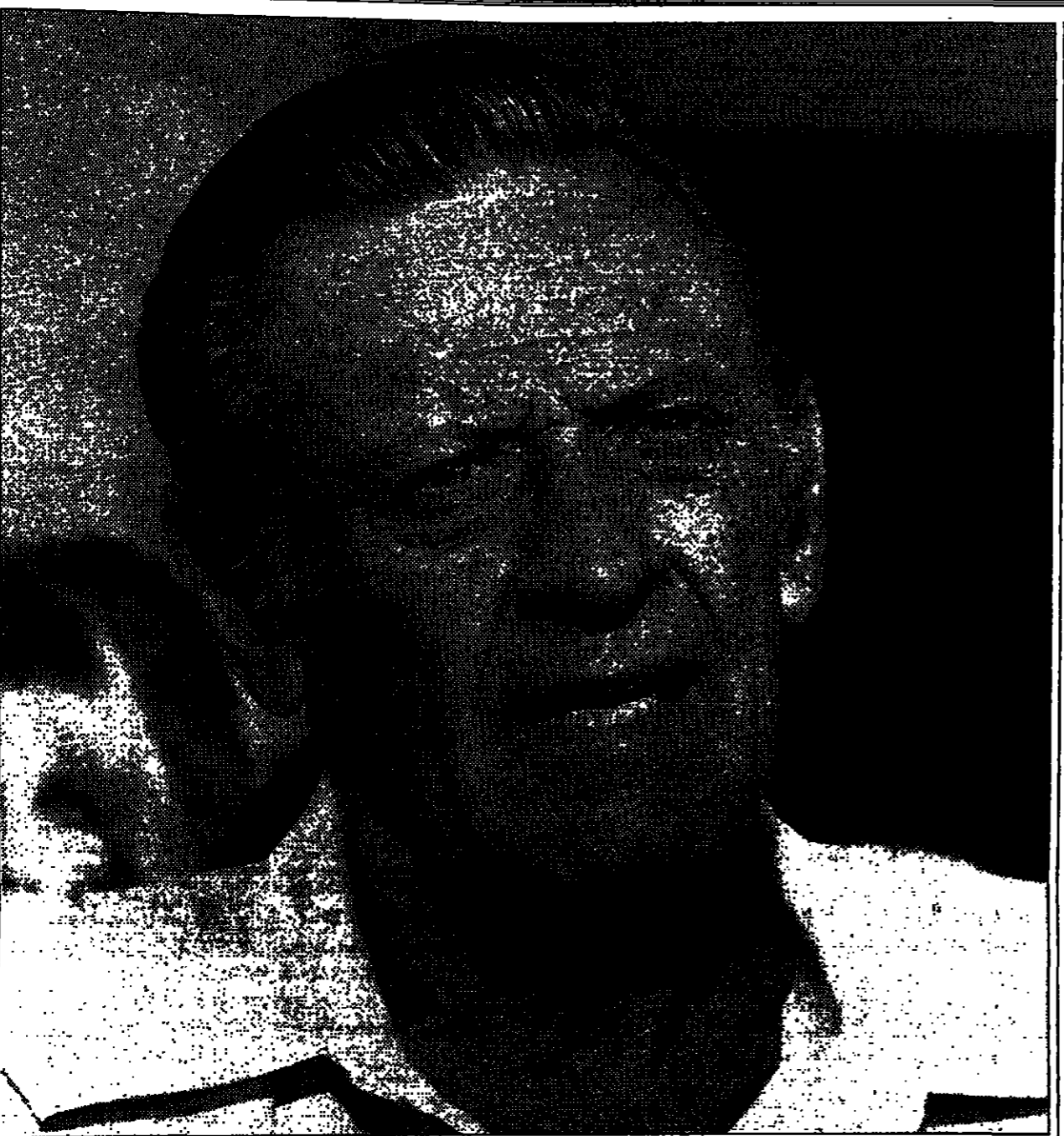
Mr Robertson told the inquiry of the despair he and other parents felt when Hamilton won a ruling from the ombudsman that he had been unjustly treated when the Central Regional Council withdrew his lettings of school premises. Giving evidence to the inquiry yesterday, Mr Forsyth acknowledged that he had written to congratulate Hamilton on the Ombudsman's 1994 decision to overturn Central region's ban on his Dunblane let. However, he had passed on to the police and Central region's chief executive the worries of parents, including Mr Robertson, about Hamilton's personality.

Mr Forsyth told the inquiry that he had received a "vast volume" of correspondence from Hamilton from 1983 up to a month before the massacre, in which 16 children and their teacher were killed in the primary school's gym. Hamilton's handwritten final letter had an unusual "resigned tone" to it, Mr Forsyth said. In it Hamilton complained that police inquiries into his boys' club activities had been a "death blow" to his reputation. The Scottish Secretary said he had met Hamilton at the most three times, the first at his MP's surgery in 1983 when Hamilton criticised Central region's decision to cancel his let at Dunblane High School.

Hamilton had initially struck him as "very plausible" and there was nothing about him which would have led him to conclude he was capable of what he did, Mr Forsyth said. Mr Forsyth said the correspondence concerned Hamilton's battle with officialsdom, what he claimed was a whipsawing campaign against him, and about a Central Scotland police investigation of him. The final letter was different, however. While still claiming he had been victimised by the police and jealous Scout leaders, Hamilton appeared to indicate he was "giving up on the fight," Mr Forsyth said. In the letter, Hamilton said that he understood senior police officers were satisfied that there was nothing unhealthy about his motives in establishing sports clubs. He added: "However, I have been unable to recover from the very serious damage caused by Central Scotland police which has compounded the very difficult situation which already existed."



George Robertson: 'bizarre military atmosphere'



William Holden, the Hollywood legend with whom America's most exalted First Lady allegedly had a liaison in 1956

Jackie O 'had affair to punish JFK'

lan Katz on a book which says the First Lady hit back at her faithless husband



Audrey Hepburn, Sophia Loren and Lee Remick: on the president's long list of conquests

FIRST they sold her furniture. Now they are selling her secrets. According to a new book on the Kennedy marriage, Jackie O herself took revenge for her husband's serial infidelity by having an affair of her own with the Hollywood legend, William Holden.

Though John F Kennedy was notorious for his philandering, the saintly image of America's most exalted First Lady has only been blemished by suggestions of a discreet affair with the lawyer and Kennedy administration official, Roswell Gilpatric. But in Jack and Jackie: Portrait of an American Marriage, the writer and Kennedy confidant, Gore Vidal, says she embarked on "a brief affair" with the actor as her husband worked his way through the bedrooms of Hollywood's leading ladies.

Written by Christopher Andersen, a former People magazine journalist who penned unauthorised biographies of Madonna and Michael Jackson, the latest addition to the Camelot oeuvre also adds the names of Audrey Hepburn, Sophia Loren and Lee Remick to the glittering — and lengthy — roll of JFK's conquests.

According to Mr Andersen, Kennedy, then a young senator, was infatuated with Hepburn even as he courted his future wife. "Hepburn was for a brief time the most serious competition that Jackie faced," Mr Andersen told the Guardian. "It makes perfect sense if you look at it now. She had the same sense of style and sophistication." Even after marrying Jackie in 1953, the book claims, JFK continued to have "intimate get-togethers and room service dinners for two" with the actress at his suite in Washington's Mayflower Hotel where Remick and the stripper Tempest Storm were also occasional guests. According to Mr Andersen, Kennedy's relentless womanising was driven by the aphrodisiac side-effects of the cocktail of steroids and amphetamines which he took to combat his chronic back pain and boost his energy.

Despite his efforts to keep his sexual exploits quiet, Jackie Kennedy had a good idea of what her husband was up to, according to Andersen. Once she found a pair of panties in their bedroom and asked him if he would "please sleep around and see who these belong to". Though he offers few details of Jackie's alleged affair with Holden in his book, Mr Andersen says it took place in 1956 after her husband callously declined to break a Mediterranean cruise when their first child was stillborn. Mr Andersen says she confided in Vidal about the affair before her death in 1994. Mr Andersen claims that Marilyn Monroe, perhaps JFK's best-known paramour, was a frequent guest at the White House in Jackie's absence, and that she disguised herself with black or red wigs and sunglasses for their trysts. On trips to New York, the President would make his way from the Carlyle Hotel to a town house nearby via a secret tunnel.

Mr Andersen also claims to have substantiated the rumour that Kennedy's father, Joseph, paid Jackie \$1 million not to leave him when she threatened to seek a divorce in 1955. According to a friend, she also demanded a car. Despite all this, says Mr Andersen, the Kennedy marriage was not a loveless one: "I look at it as a great American love story. They tried hard to make a connection but they never could because of their backgrounds."

Becoming grandparents meant a lot to my mother and father. They both came from highly competitive families, and late in life the competition was grandchildren.

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Kingmaker throws in his lot with 'corrupt' Yeltsin

David Hearst and James Meek in Moscow

ALEXANDER LEBED, the former army general catapulted to the political centre stage by the first round of voting in the Russian presidential elections, threw in his lot with Boris Yeltsin yesterday by accepting the post of secretary to the National Security Council, and presidential national security adviser. A month after calling the government corrupt and ineffective, Mr Lebed appeared side by side with Mr Yeltsin, being presented to the cameras as the president's political heir.

Mr Yeltsin said: "This is not simply an appointment. This is a unification of two programmes. All those who voted for Alexander Ivanovich [Lebed] have given an order to the president to fulfil the good things they have seen in the programme of Alexander Ivanovich." Mr Lebed predicted that "no less than 80 per cent of the 11 million people who voted for him would now vote for Mr Yeltsin, a figure many thought optimistic." The communist opposition — which only on Monday was

courting Mr Lebed with offers of high posts — declared him finished politically. Gemdaty Seleznyov, the communist spokesman of the State Duma, said: "The bargain is gone. After this Lebed is finished as a politician." "There is no party, no mass organisation behind him. The only thing he has is his name." The first victim of Mr Lebed's arrival was General Pavel Grachev, the unpopular defence minister, who resigned saying he was unwilling to serve under a man who had once served under him. Mr Yeltsin named Mikhail Kolesnikov, head of the General Staff, as acting defence minister. Speculation centred on General Boris Gromov as a possible permanent successor.

The key issue in Mr Lebed's political gamble is whether he will have the power and the ability to deliver on promises to clean up corruption, clamp down on the mafia, and institute the long-delayed reform of the army. Mr Lebed met journalists yesterday in an elite government hotel and promised to fight lawlessness by "exclusively civilised methods". "I today we have freedom without order, there are those who propose order without freedom. I want both freedom and order," he said. He outlined the broad powers he expected Mr Yeltsin to give the security council, extending its responsibility to areas such as Russia's "financial independence", capital flight and even the plight of the millions of people defrauded by bogus investment funds. He said he had already won approval from the president to give the security council a decisive role in senior personnel appointments in other security ministries — the defence and interior ministries and the FSB (which replaced the KGB). He claimed he had swung into order-restoring action almost immediately, quelling mutinous rumbles among senior officers about Gen Grachev's abrupt departure. "Circles close to the defence minister tried to organise [coup] number 3 and began the appropriate agitation around the headquarters of the Moscow military district and among airborne forces. Complete loyalty was displayed, and I know for certain there will be no trouble."

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Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

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Lydie Banot... was jailed at the Old Bailey yesterday

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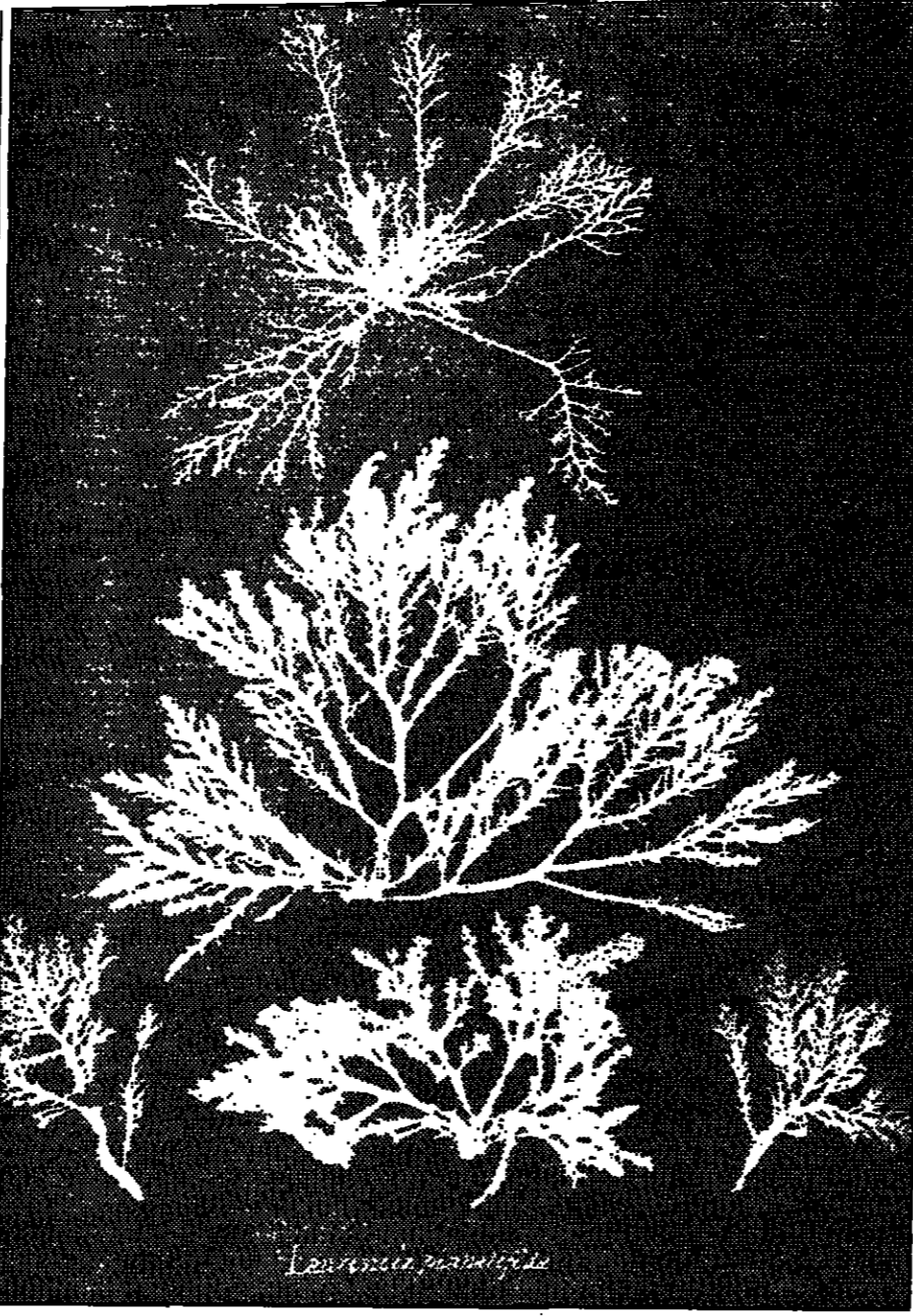
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She agreed to meet Mr Macnamara in the Dorchester Hotel and eventually gave him her home telephone number...

But Mr Killen refused to go along with the plan and told the police there was no gang and no threat to Harrods...

Defence counsel Shani Barnes said her client had been in a physically and psychologically low state at the time of the demands...

Mr Killen said that he was surprised Harrods and the police had not realised it was merely a "childish, amateurish blackmail attempt"...



One of the 424 images of seaweeds reproduced in the volumes by the cyanotype process

Rare book by woman pioneer goes to auction



Anna Atkins: 'Receiving the recognition she deserves'

A LANDMARK book in the history of photography has been discovered in the little-known library of Eton College...

Next week, the three-volume Photographs of British Algae, produced between 1843 and 1853 by Anna Atkins...

The work - the first in the world to be printed and illustrated using a photographic process - was found by David Park...

Mr Park said: "Anna Atkins was a plain little matronly lady... She has only lately received the recognition she deserves."

Proceeds from the sale on June 28 will go towards the modernisation of the museum.

and it is extremely unlikely another will turn up." British Algae, with 424 images of British seaweeds in the characteristic deep Prussian blue of the cyanotype...

This particular copy was made for Ann Bliss, sister of the antiquary and bibliographer, Phillip Bliss. Atkins was born in 1799 into a family of scientists...

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£10m a year for George Michael

Stuart Millar

THE title of his latest album is Older, but figures published today suggest that George Michael should have chosen to call it Richer...

The former Wham! star is expected to earn £10 million this year from the album, easily beating Noel Gallagher of Oasis as Britain's biggest earning "young" music artist for 1996...

"Older" is Michael's first album for six years, but the 33-year-old is reported to be worth \$45 million. His wealth has been amassed by controlling his recording and publishing rights...

Unlike Michael, Gallagher, the songwriter behind Oasis, has never made

any secret of the scale of his earnings. He drives a classic chocolate brown Rolls Royce and enjoys boasting about his wealth on stage.

But he has a long way to go to catch up with Michael, being worth £7.6 million thanks to music publishing royalties from the sale of seven million albums...

Blur, Oasis's rivals in last summer's Britpop battle, only make fifth with group earnings of £5 million for the year on a million sales of their latest album.

Despite these earnings, the younger stars are not in the same league as music's senior citizens: Andrew Lloyd Webber, estimated to be worth £550 million, and Paul McCartney, estimated to be worth £420 million.

Top of the pops

Earnings this year

Name	Earnings (£m)
George Michael	£10m
Noel Gallagher (Oasis)	£7.6m
Seal	£5.5m
Gary Barlow (Take That)	£5m
Blur	£5m
Tony Mortimer (East 17)	£4.75m
Dolores O'Riordan (The Cranberries)	£4.5m
Bush	£4m
Eternal	£3m
M People	£3m

Radio regulator fines rogue stations for flouting licences

Andrew Cuff Media Correspondent

A LOCAL radio station which played too little reggae and too much dance music incurred the wrath of the regulator yesterday...

The Radio Authority imposed fines totalling \$9,000 on five operators in an unprecedentedly severe crackdown on stations failing to adhere to their licence conditions...

Choice FM, a service for an Afro-Caribbean audience in Birmingham, was fined £1,000 after a listener complained it had not played enough reggae and raga, while exceeding the limits of "house and garage" music it was permitted to broadcast...

In its ruling, the authority, which can revoke or shorten licences, said: "The authority felt the effect of this breach

was to move the station away from its original format of primary appeal to an Afro-Caribbean audience and closer to a youth-oriented dance format and this must be corrected."

A £1,000 fine was imposed on 2CR in Bournemouth because it had failed to play enough tracks released more than 15 years ago...

Fortune 1458 in Manchester was fined £1,000 for not playing enough easy listening music. A station covering St Albans and Watford, 96.6FM Classic Hits, was fined £3,000 and sent a formal warning letter because it had not met its statutory requirement to supply tapes of its output...

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Bosnia arms race fear as ban lifted

Lebed may change Moscow's military stance - if Yeltsin gives him the rope, writes David Hearst

WITH the growling Alexander Lebed now secretary of Russia's national security council, the country's battered, cash-starved and humiliated army has a powerful friend in court.

The dismissed defence minister, General Pavel Grachev, was more Mr Yeltsin's lapdog than an officer who stood up for his men.

In two years, spending on the army fell from \$26.5 billion to \$12 billion. The government is not even spending this year's reduced budget - it owes the army \$2.6 billion.

The army general staff seem relieved that Mikhail Kolesnikov, their head, is acting as defence minister. But the continuing fiasco of the 18-month campaign in Chechnya, the history of bungled army reforms, and the slump in army morale, all leave the fresh and confident General Lebed a huge task.

He was a good commander of what was politely called the 14th Army: in fact little more than a division guarding Slav separatists in Trans-Dniestr. The Russian armed forces, national security policy and the fight against organised crime amount to a command of a different scale.

Much will depend on what powers Gen Lebed really has. Neither of the two posts that he inherits, secretary of the security council and national security adviser, gives him

powerful bodyguard, and his close friend Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the federal security service, will be wary.

If Gen Lebed fails to get this position, it remains to be seen what his fate will be after the elections are over.

Gen Lebed wants Mr Yeltsin to sign on the dotted line now because, in a fortnight's time, when the elections are over, his purchasing power will have diminished.

He is only too aware of the dangers of being used as a booster rocket to put Boris in orbit, only to fall to earth himself as a spent force.

Assuming that Gen Lebed is not devoured by his new political partner, Mr Yeltsin, Russia's military doctrine and its foreign policy is about to make a further shift away from the West.

So far, Gen Lebed has been a pragmatic rather than an aggressive opponent of the ex-

panation of Nato. On the eve of his election, he told a group of Western observers that if the taxpayers of the countries concerned wanted to spend their money on updating their armies to Nato standards, "Nato is free to enlarge itself".

However, he is opposed to anything that would bring Nato's military infrastructure closer to Russia's western borders, and he could easily change his position to suit the most anti-Western mood in his country.

Although an outright opponent of the war in Chechnya, Gen Lebed is unlikely to press for an immediate withdrawal of troops, and many suspect that once the elections are over Russia could be tempted to finish the war militarily.

Anton Surikov, of the Moscow Institute of Defence Studies and one of the authors of a radically tougher national

defence doctrine, said that Gen Lebed's programme was "90 per cent the same" as that of the institute.

He said the differences were a softer line on Nato and the fact that Gen Lebed might be constrained by his high post in openly voicing his objections to ratifying the Start II arms-limitation treaty while the United States was going ahead with its programme to develop an anti-ballistic missile defence system.

Dr Surikov said: "Lebed's appointment creates certain hopes in the army, like the realisation of military reform, more money and flats for officers, and increasing the state of military preparedness. But everything depends on whether he can fulfil his promises."

"The minimum he needs for this is a post of first deputy prime minister."

THE arms embargo on the Balkans conflict, was lifted yesterday, paving the way for the American-led rearmament of Bosnia.

The United Nations secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, formally ended the blockade on heavy weapons imports when he forwarded a report on Balkan arms control to the UN security council.

Officials in New York said the security council and the UN sanctions committee had approved the suspension of the embargo. The joint Nato and Western European Union naval force enforcing the blockade in the Adriatic is expected to stand down in the next few days.

The shuffling of papers at UN headquarters was a mad-dance end for a measure which bitterly divided the Nato allies during the war.

Britain and France strongly supported the sanctions, arguing that they helped to quarantine the conflict, but most United States policymakers believed the embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian army left it defenceless against an overwhelmingly superior Serb force.

The US agreed to the embargo to prevent an open rift in the alliance, but Washington recently admitted having turned a blind eye to Iranian arms supplies which were smuggled through Croatia to the Bosnian army in 1994 and 1995.

The end of the sanctions will allow for the equalising of the opposing forces in Bosnia with arms supplies from the US and the Middle East, but Nato is determined that it should not lead to an uncontrolled arms race.

The Nato-led peace implementation force (I-For) says it will monitor all weapons imports and ensure they comply with the regional arms agreement signed in Florence last Friday, which envisages deep cuts in Serb armouries.

Under the agreement, brokered by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in

Europe (OSCE), the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav army will have to destroy a quarter of its tanks, artillery, helicopters, warplanes and other heavy equipment within 16 months.

The next biggest force, the Croatian army, will be kept more or less at the present level at 40 per cent of the new Yugoslav ceilings. The total forces in Bosnia will be the same as in Croatia, but split 2:1 between the Muslim-Croat Federation and the largely autonomous Serb Republic.

The Bosnian Serbs will face the most radical cuts in the region, leaving them with 500 artillery pieces and 137 tanks, nearly halving their present force. The poorly-armed federation would have to acquire significant amounts of new equipment to reach its new ceilings of 273 tanks and 1,000 pieces of artillery.

'We will be cutting up Serb guns while allowing Bosnians to buy new ones'

However, much will depend on verification procedures and these must rely on mutual trust, a rare commodity in the Balkans. Furthermore, reaching the new limits is likely to put considerable strain on the peace treaty.

"In the most basic terms, we will be cutting up Serb guns at the same time as allowing the Bosnians to buy substantial numbers of new guns, and the main nation in I-For will be supplying them," said a European Nato officer.

The officer added that the British and French forces were concerned that the role of the US, as both Bosnian quartermaster and peacekeeper, would undermine I-For's credibility.

Those tensions have yet to materialise fully, because the US-led "train and equip" programme - due to have begun earlier this month - has been held up by the alleged presence in Bosnia of Iranian military trainers, and by squabbles within the federation over control of a new joint Muslim-Croat army.



Fashion shot... A woman on her way to market passes a bullet-pocked wall in Grozny, the capital of war-ravaged Chechnya. As part of several measures to end the 18-month conflict backed by President Boris Yeltsin, Russian troops were due yesterday or today to withdraw from the southern separatist stronghold of Vedeno. PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERT KING

Longest day takes fatal toll on Finns

THE bonfires are built, the saunas in lakeside cabins are stoked, and the beers and the vodka lie waiting. The Finns, as they do each midsummer, will have one hell of a good party this weekend - so good that about 30 will probably die in the process.

"Last year it was 27," said Petri Leppanen of the national safety board. "Fourteen drowned, six died in road accidents, two were suicides, a family of three burned to death in their cottage, a woman walked in front of a train and a Swede jumped off a ferry to rescue his mobile phone. Plus a few stabblings. But it was a wet weekend - that helped."

To celebrate the summer solstice, the longest day of their short but fierce summer, Finns will take to their retreats on Friday for a three-day frenzy of drinking and dancing.

"From now on, the days start getting shorter," said Sari Uhtonen, aged 26, a student who in the past six years has lost an uncle and two classmates to this annual bout of midsummer madness. "People want to celebrate while they can."

Finns would be the first to admit their fatal attraction to hard liquor lies behind most midsummer deaths, but psychologists suggest that after nine months of freezing winter gloom, the bright Nordic summer can be traumatic. In the Arctic north the longest summer day lasts seven weeks, and even in the south it is never really dark.

"The contrast with winter is so extreme that sometimes people lose their grip," said Juha-Pekka Korkeala of the university of Tampere in central Finland. "Nature is in overdrive, it's hard to sleep, you feel you're capable of anything."

As police and rescue services gear up for their busiest weekend of the year, Ms Uhtonen was fatalistic: "Midsummer is a tragedy for families, but it's a truly Finnish way to go."

World news in brief

Senate Whitewater inquiry issues conflicting reports

THE United States Senate special committee of inquiry into Whitewater yesterday produced two conflicting and partisan reports, in which the Republicans detected "a systematic abuse of power" by the president and Hillary Clinton, while the Democrats cleared both of all criminal or ethical charges, writes Martin Walker in Washington.

The 10 Republicans on the committee, including its chairman, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, focused on Mrs Clinton as the common link between the original property venture in Arkansas and what they say were cover-ups in Washington.

The widely-leaked 775-page Republican report, with its non-binding recommendation of perjury charges against three of Mrs Clinton's closest advisers, came up with no clear offence and, by the Republicans' own admission, no "smoking gun".

In their separate 344-page report, the eight Democrats concluded: "The venom with which the majority focuses its attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton is surprising, even in the context of the investigation."

They also accused the Republican members of the committee of stretching the evidence to smear Mrs Clinton.

Samoans losing battle of bulge

MOST Western Samoans are obese and risk heart disease if trends in their diet continue, an American study has found.

A survey of islanders aged between 25 and 50 concluded that 78 per cent of women and 44 per cent of men ate too much.

Steven McGarvey of Brown University in Rhode Island, who conducted the study, blamed the ending of traditional diets and forms of exercise, and the transition from plantation to factory work.

Fried turkey tails, chicken backs and mutton flaps imported from New Zealand are among the islanders' favourite delicacies. - Reuter.

Black churches get \$1m offer

The rightwing Christian Coalition in the United States offered to raise \$1 million (2645,000) for black churches yesterday, after arson attacks destroyed 35 of them in 18 months, writes Jonathan Freedland in Washington.

The offer came at a summit boycotted by many black leaders, who say the coalition has fostered racial hostility. Two more churches were burnt in Mississippi on Monday night.

Volcanic hazard

Thick clouds of ash from New Zealand's erupting volcano Mount Ruapehu forced five airports in the region to close yesterday. - AP.

Haiti fugitive freed in US

THE head of Haiti's paramilitary units has been released from a detention centre in Maryland where he had been held more than a year, but United States officials say he will still be deported.

Emmanuel Constant was released on Friday in exchange for dropping a civil suit that maintained his detention in the US was unconstitutional, said his attorney, Susan Bryant.

Mr Constant, who has admitted working for the CIA and led murder charges in Haiti, has claimed his life would be in danger at home. "He's here by the agreement of the Department of Justice," Ms Bryant said. - Reuter.

Boat turned away

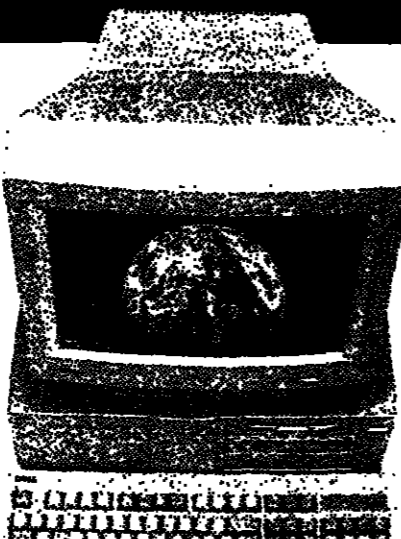
A boat carrying 450 Liberian refugees arrived back in Monrovia yesterday after neighbouring countries refused to accept the Zolotisa's passengers, who had spent 22 days at sea. - AP.

Stiff deterrent

Burglars who raided an impotence clinic in Melbourne last weekend may have stolen drugs that cause five-day erections, Australian police said. "We are looking for someone who is very embarrassed or very tired," a police spokesman said. - Reuter.

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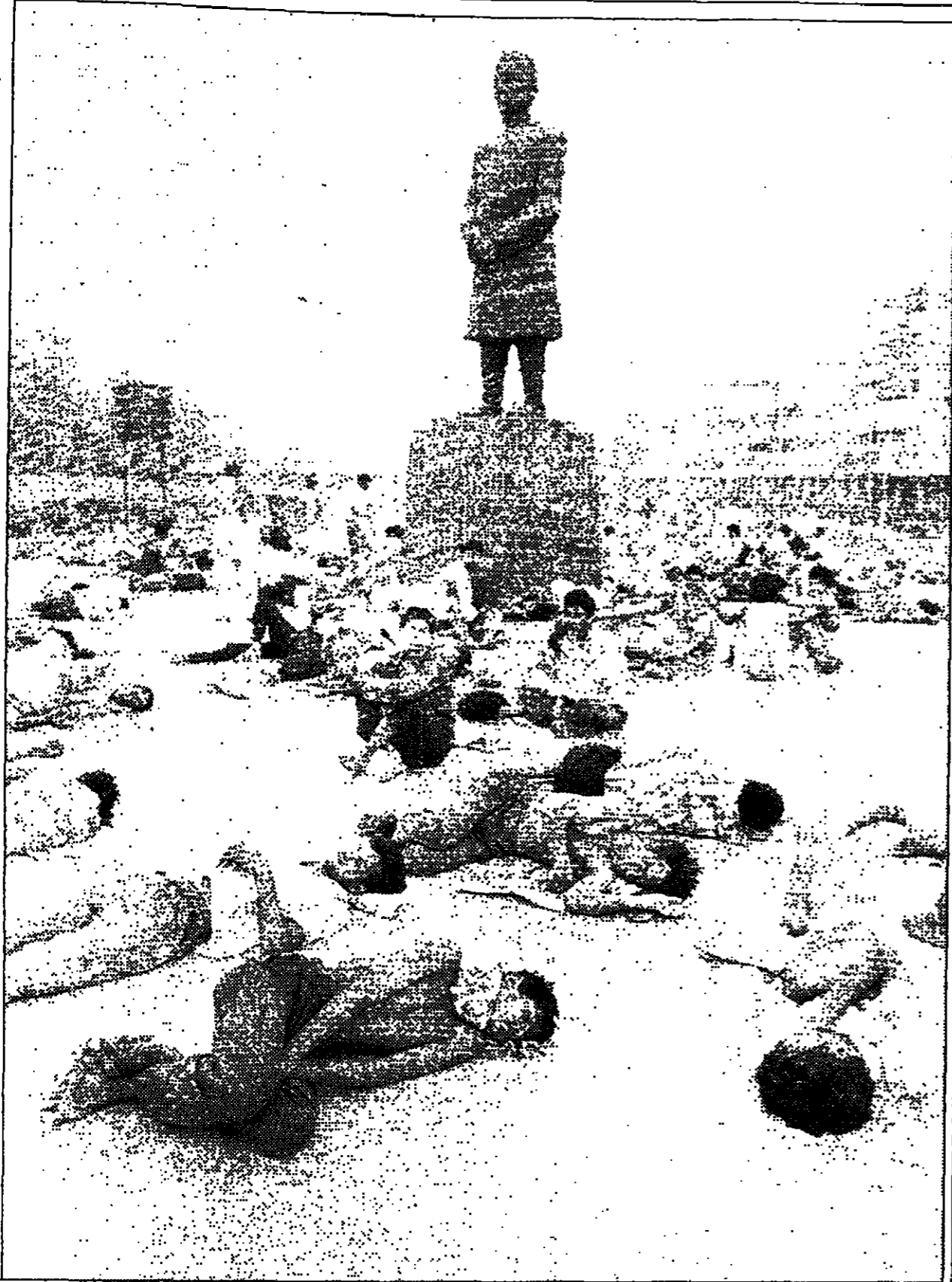
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Congress plays politics with UN job

Questions about Boutros-Ghali's future are designed to embarrass the president, writes **Barbara Crossette** in New York

TAKEING advantage of the Clinton administration's indecision over whether to support Boutros Boutros-Ghali for a second term as United Nations secretary-general, Republicans in Congress want to bring the issue into the American presidential campaign, where Bob Dole has already made UN-bashing a popular sport. Several members of Congress say they will try to force President Clinton's hand, and pressures are building at the UN as foreign diplomats express concern over the lack of any signal from the White House about where it stands. Mr Boutros-Ghali's five-year term ends in December. Mr Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, has made the secretary-general a symbol of foreign interference. He says in almost every speech that if he were ever to send US soldiers anywhere, "I will be in charge of making that decision, not

Boocoutros Boocoutros-Ghali." Making fun of the secretary-general's name guarantees a laugh and a cheer. Mr Clinton can hardly defend the secretary-general in the current climate without some political damage. But he is also said to be reluctant to have to choose another candidate and sell her or him to the world. Either way, the administration wants to avoid giving Mr Dole the opportunity "to hang the secretary-general around our necks", in one official's words. Some congressional critics see the future of the secretary-general not just as a political issue to be exploited, but rather as a symbol of a larger problem of swiftly deteriorating relations between the US and the world organisation. Senator Jesse Helms, the Republican chairman of the Senate foreign relations

committee, and others say Mr Boutros-Ghali is incapable of making radical changes in an organisation that they regard as unwieldy and inefficient. "The United Nations needs new energy, new leadership, new direction," said Lee Hamilton, a Democratic representative and a member of the House international relations committee. Last week in the Senate, the Republican Larry Pressler described the Egyptian-born Mr Boutros-Ghali as someone drawn from the world of career diplomats who "train for the grand world of treaties and receiving lines, not the grubby world of balance sheets and bottom lines." Polls give mixed information about Americans' views on the UN. Some show much broader support than politicians believe exists, while surveys and focus groups that test opinions for candidates often reveal a negative attitude toward international organisations if national sovereignty is thought to be at risk. On balance, voters do not see the UN as a campaign issue at this point, says Mark Mellman, a poll-taker and

Democratic strategist. "Politically, it could hardly be a lower priority," he said. "The only reason that any American knows Boutros Boutros-Ghali is because people make fun of his name." But time is running out. Diplomats say that in the absence of a clear signal from Washington, Mr Boutros-Ghali has been on the road, building up solid support in Asia and Africa, and has the firm backing of France, which demands a French-speaker at the head of the UN. Among the other permanent members of the UN security council, where the decision is made, Russia is thought to be leaning towards the incumbent. China threatens to veto almost anyone else — particularly Europeans — and the British have no strong objections or other candidates. In Washington, officials and members of Congress remember that Mr Boutros-Ghali told Americans at the start of his term in 1992 that he was a one-term secretary-general. Some would like to hold him to that pledge. — New York Times.

Bruised Iran turns flak on West

Ian Black
Diplomatic Editor

VERBAL sparks are flying again between Iran and the West after accusations that Tehran has been behind unrest in the Gulf and as stringent new United States trade sanctions come into force to weaken the Islamic regime. In a letter to the United Nations, Tehran has complained that the US has been

violating its sovereignty and harassing its ships. Britain has also been attacked for blaming Iran for supporting terrorism and backing a coup attempt in Bahrain. Iran said that in January a US ship and aircraft locked their radars on an Iranian battleship, and in February an Iranian helicopter was forced to return to an oil platform after warnings by US vessels. Under its policy of "dual containment" of Iran and Iraq, the US maintains size-

able naval forces in the Gulf to secure free passage for world oil supplies. Britain keeps the two-ship Armilla patrol mainly to enforce the UN embargo against Iraq. Tehran is thought to be reacting to accusations about its role in the reported coup against the Bahraini government, and to a US-Israeli campaign to highlight Iran's nuclear ambitions and links with radical Islamist and Arab groups opposed to the Middle East peace process. "They are pretty bruised and feel there is a campaign building up against them," said one Western diplomat. Iran is a key supporter of the Lebanese organisation Hizbullah, whose rocket attacks on Israel provoked April's Grapes of Wrath retaliation.

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, said in Manama on Monday: "Iran has been guilty of sponsoring terrorism abroad... particularly to try to stir up difficulties here in the Gulf where stability is important." Iran denied the charges and offered to mediate between Bahrain's government and its Shi'ite opponents, who have waged an 18-month campaign of bombings to demand political and economic reform. The US banned American firms from dealing with Iran in 1995. Further trade sanctions are expected after a House of Representatives committee this week approved a bill targeting companies from other countries investing in Iran and Libya.


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 **Children's homes are out of sight and out of mind. That is why paedophiles can operate in them.**

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Jobs row leaves party divided as Netanyahu bows to pressure

Likud revolt wins Sharon a special cabinet post

Styram Bhatia in Jerusalem

GENERAL Ariel Sharon, the powerful Likud hardliner, accepted a top post in Binyamin Netanyahu's government last night, but party divisions revealed by a simmering row over cabinet posts are unlikely to go away.

Gen Sharon's acceptance of a specially created national infrastructure portfolio came after the foreign minister-designate, David Levy, boycotted the opening session of the Knesset because his friend had not been offered a sufficiently senior position.

The Knesset later endorsed Mr Netanyahu's cabinet list.

As the prime minister presented his government's policies to the 120-member parliament yesterday, Mr Levy, a leader of Israel's Moroccan Jewish community and a former foreign minister, stayed in his office.

He and Gen Sharon, a former minister of defence, had a secret meeting in making

their respective claims to senior cabinet positions.

Mr Netanyahu refused to give Gen Sharon either the defence or the finance ministry, thus provoking a mini-rebellion in the Likud.

"The bulldozer Sharon — one of our best generals ever — has done it again," one of the newly elected Likud MPs said. "Sharon is a master of

Two other Likud rebels, Dan Meridor and Benny Begin, caved in and accepted the finance and science portfolios respectively.

"This is not a good start for the new prime minister," said the former Likud prime minister Yitzhak Shamir. "This crisis needs to be solved and it must be solved. I hope it will end soon."

But Mr Netanyahu, who will chair his first cabinet today, refrained from repeating provocative phrases in his government's published guidelines — described by many Arabs as a declaration of war.

These include a veto on an independent Palestinian state and a blunt No to the return of the Golan Heights to Syria. Nor did he talk about his government's promise to boost Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher, who arrives in Israel on Monday, is expected to urge Mr Netanyahu to show maximum flexibility to save the peace process.

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The PM called on Arab states to resume peace talks without preconditions

In his inaugural address, Mr Netanyahu called on Israel's Arab neighbours to resume peace talks without preconditions.

"I appeal especially to our close neighbours, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, to Saudi King Fahd and to the rest of the Arab leaders, let us conduct direct negotiations to peace: negotiations that will lead the Middle East to an era of stability and prosperity, negotiations without preconditions."

Earlier in the day, all the signs had pointed to a quick resolution of the party crisis.

Kenyan Asians fight back as politicians call for expulsion

With opposition leaders stirring up hatred, the minority is resisting being used as a pawn, reports **Greg Barrow** in Nairobi

THE minority Asian community in Kenya is preparing a robust defence of its role in Kenyan society after an opposition leader called for the expulsion of corrupt Indian immigrants, alleging they had taken over the economy and were exploiting native Africans.

The Asian community has had a low political profile, but the allegations have put senior community leaders on the offensive. Earlier this month, the Asian community, they published a four-page supplement in all the national newspapers to highlight the contribution of Indian freedom fighters and entrepreneurs in Kenyan history.

"We have come to the stage where the very word, Asian, means something nasty,"

says Swaram Sodi, the chairman of the Eastern Action Club for Africa which raised the money for the supplement. "The Japanese used to have this problem after World War Two, but they showed through good publicity that they were not evil. Now we Asians in Kenya are going to do the same."

A policy document published by Kenneth Matiba, the chairman of the opposition Ford Asili party, has galvanised the Asian community. Entitled The Asian Question, it argues that immigrants from Gujarat in western India have taken control of the Kenyan economy to the detriment of indigenous Kenyans.

"It is common knowledge that many Asians come from very modest backgrounds ...

but the moment they land in Kenya, they become successful businessmen," the document claims.

The policy paper, signed by senior members of the Ford Asili party, says Asians are responsible for most of the corruption in Kenya.

Mr Matiba's argument has been weakened by the disclosure that he himself employs a mainly Asian staff to run the accounts and administration of his businesses.

The allegations have angered second- and third-generation Kenyan Asians. "How on earth can it be construed that we are controlling the economy?" says Kul Bushan, a journalist and publisher. "We are not controlling, we are contributing to the economy through hard work, enterprise and skills."

Asian community leaders are worried that Mr Matiba has hit a nerve with working-class Kenyans who feel exploited by Asian employers.

"The last month has been a

very difficult time for us," Mr Sodi says. "First we ignored it, but then we found our shops in Nairobi being invaded. Asians have been evicted from their homes, and lorry full of Africans have yelled 'Asians go home!'"

The hostility has been largely restricted to Nairobi, a stronghold of the Ford Asili party. Asians have received some assurances from the governing Kanu party of President Daniel arap Moi.

"These politicians are desperate and jingoistic leaders," says Nicholas Bivort, an MP and close confidant of President Moi. "What do they want by calling for the expulsion of Asians? Do they want to witness bloodshed similar to that in Uganda and Rwanda?"

Such support is conditional. Most Kenyan Asians do earn far higher incomes than African workers, and President Moi will be looking to them to help fill his Kanu party coffers in the run-up to elections due next year.



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Mediation is the message

But it is vital that the service is properly funded

FIVE YEARS ago there would have been celebrations: the first serious reform of the divorce laws for 25 years. Rational observers would have been describing the new divorce procedure as a logical sequence to the 1969 Children Act...

ated by the present procedure, as many as 40 per cent of children lose touch with one of their parents within two years. That is almost one million children cut off from a parent in the last decade.

The new procedure is designed to reduce conflict between separating couples and ease the arrangements over finance, property and, most important of all, parental contact with children. The crucial task now for reformers is to ensure that the legal aid savings in lawyer costs, which the new mediation process should generate, is invested in comprehensive counselling and mediation services.

A generation ago the 1969 Act aimed to introduce a "no fault" system, backed by "Putting Asunder", a report from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Committee which argued there should be only one ground for divorce: irretrievable breakdown.

When peace is left in the cold

The isolation of the Palestinians bodes ill for the future

IF ARIEL SHARON really has been left out of the new Israeli cabinet, that is little comfort to the Palestinians. The absence from the list yesterday of the arch-bawk and champion of settlements has more to do with the determination of the new Likud prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu to be his own boss.

return and to the dismantling of settlements. They rule out any concession of Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights. They reserve the right to use the Israel security forces against terrorist threats "as and wherever needed".

Those who expected the Likud leader, once elected, to start blunting the edges of his opposition to the peace process will find no comfort in this document. It is hardly surprising that the outgoing foreign minister Ehud Barak doubts whether Likud can continue to hold the process together.

Mr Netanyahu has made one contribution to the Arab cause: he has aroused such alarm that more of their leaders will assemble in Cairo than at any time since the August 1990 summit after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Don't mess about with Vulcan

We have disasters enough without tempting fate for more

THE NEW LAST days of Pompeii and Herculaneum may be nearer than anyone thought if the volcanologists of Naples University have their way. A series of single shots of high explosive will be set off starting this weekend on the slopes of Vesuvius to gather information about its internal structure and dynamics.

rumour that wine cellars were becoming warmer as a result of subterranean activity. It reached a peak when the telephone exchange broke down after being choked by thousands of false alarm calls.

A particular aim of the experiment is to establish how far the volcano's "stopper" of solidified lava is in place. In the week when New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu has erupted so spectacularly there may be a stronger feeling than usual that it does not pay to mess with nature.

Some 600,000 people living on the slopes of Vesuvius have an interest in the matter. Their houses offer a fine view of the Bay of Naples but also induce a profound sense of insecurity.



Letters to the Editor

A recipe for safety in the home

YOUR leader (When care is a dirty word, June 14) seems to have followed the government line, which is basically to look at particular issues within residential units and deal with them one at a time.

workers and managers, the unit head is too often left to get on with it and expected to keep the lid on any trouble. These problems are compounded by failure of those charged with the management of these units to include residential staff within positive corporate developments and repeatedly to fail to tackle significant issues when they emerge.

HAVE worked with both children who have had sexual offences committed against them and sex offenders for nearly 30 years. Michael Howard's announcement is broadly to be welcomed but a specific group, that of young sex offenders, appears to have been left out.

social-services department and police held an extensive inquiry among former pupils. This failed to support the belief that the school was part of a paedophilic network.

My own inquiry into abuse in a residential establishment run by Kirkless council met the same fate as John Jilling's report on Clwyd and for the same reasons. The sad fact is that a whole series of these expensive inquiries result in very similar conclusions.

The function of the few remaining advisers and psychologists has moved from support to regulatory. If the unit is a residential school they are now the responsibility of governors, who are unlikely to have any expertise or experience and therefore rely on a head who is feeling increasingly vulnerable, if not justifiably paranoid.

Not all children who commit sexual offences will do so in adulthood. The problem is that we have no reliable method of predicting those who may. One addition to Mr Howard's proposals would be to exclude from diversion from the youth courts young people who have committed sexual offences. If nothing else this would mean we probably could identify some who may offend again in the future.

THE New Barns trial was remarkable in the fact that at the end everyone, including most of the prosecution witnesses, had testified to the loving, caring and excellence of the New Barns environment and the adults who lived and worked there.

Independent providers will expect fees which start at £55,000 a year for care and education and may rise to more than twice this amount. Local authorities are being asked to make up the difference.

Local authorities are being asked to make up the difference. The shortfall puts each child at risk. The recent changes are to be applauded. However, these are of limited value unless the fundamental issues that underpin the culture and style of residential care are addressed.

What came about not because of children's complaints about their life there but because of an eminent expert on residential childcare was found guilty of imposing a doppelgänger material. The local

If the original inquiry had not been inadequate and flawed, and if they had really listened to what the children and others had said, the prosecution would never have taken place. As it was, it was left to the defence team in effect to carry out a proper inquiry into every aspect of the New Barns environment.

But within local authorities, the diminishing number of children's homes has increasingly been expected to cope with more challenging children with more complex needs. Their position has been exacerbated by the imposition of market forces. In the face of general despair by field social

workshops, the local authority is too often left to get on with it and expected to keep the lid on any trouble. These problems are compounded by failure of those charged with the management of these units to include residential staff within positive corporate developments and repeatedly to fail to tackle significant issues when they emerge.

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What can it be like to grow up knowing that your parents wish you had never been born? Is it any wonder that so many disabled people under-achieve and lack confidence when expectations are so low?

Divorce: A law somebody wants

I AM sorry to ruin the basis of your front-page headline. Divorce: A law nobody wants (June 18), but it is simply untrue to say that the Church was not in favour of the Family Law Bill.

Our commitment to the institution of marriage is unwavering and we welcome the obvious concern for marriage, the family and the welfare of children shown by MPs of all parties.

Leaving aside the fact that the Church of England proposed irrevocable divorce as long ago as the 1966 report Putting Asunder, the General Synod voted in favour of the reform in February 1981. Two constant voices have failed to take account of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church. Bishops supported the bill through the House of Lords and Cardinal Hume has spoken for it on a number of occasions.

Our commitment to the institution of marriage is unwavering and we welcome the obvious concern for marriage, the family and the welfare of children shown by MPs of all parties. The existing law on divorce was, however, deeply unsatisfactory, causing unnecessary pain and bitterness and enabling "quickie" divorces based on alleged fault. If the Family Law Bill, in which the main principle remains entirely recognisable, had fallen, many positive things would have been lost.



Water sports, no thanks

SPORTSMEN, particularly rowers, seem to be spitting more frequently and copiously in recent years. This habit is often emulated by young lads who spit in the street, waiting at bus stops or simply walking past.

place 50 ago, was reintroduced into society? A health education programme might also encourage people to cover their mouths when coughing and to desist from scattering used paper tissues to the winds.

An everyday tale of village folk

MAY I correct a few misunderstandings being put about by Alistair Horne and his chums Lord Quentin and Peter Bond, regarding the grant for East End children to spend holidays here (East Enders row shatters Dibley village calm, June 18). These three know full well that they do not speak for the village when they say the school project is not wanted.

private house. Jeremy Paxman, John Mortimer and many others all live close by and have strong ties with the village church school.

It is not "celebrity" outsiders who are forcing this scheme on the village, as a trustee, live right bang in the middle of the village. We have spent years putting the school from being sold as a

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Closed doors

PAUL FOOT'S strictures on government policies against asylum-seekers tell just part of the story (Don't ask for compassion, the answer is no, June 17). Our high commission in Lagos is operating ruthless no-entry rules against would-be, non-political visitors with relatives here, backed up by accusations of lying and misrepresentation. No attempt is made to verify circumstances despite long phone calls from the UK.

at the bottom of the willow-moor bank have been mostly ploughed up and flattened. Nothing remains of them but flickering shadow. A brooding presence here warns the spirit, and mides warn the body, that this is not a place to linger. But looking inwards into the pond is hypnotic.

My Nigerian-born daughter-in-law and her sister have lived in the UK for many years; both have had their first children here recently. One baby is still in intensive care. Attempts by the women's mother to see her daughters and grandchildren have been ignominiously and insultingly rejected and my MP's requests for clarification thwarted. Nigerian business associates visit here regularly, but against compassionate visits the doors are firmly closed.

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Iona Ferenc

Gossip and generosity

THE ACTRESS and writer Iona Ferenc... who has died aged 79...

her by Lisa Daniely, a mutual friend with whom she acted in her higher gossip about the pre-war theatre...

Paul Bailey

Iona Ferenc, actress, born October 10, 1917; died June 12, 1996



Fringe benefits... Iona Ferenc acted at the New Lindsey in the 1940s

Appreciation: Sir Fitzroy Maclean

On golden journeys

FITZROY Maclean (Obituary, June 18) was an adventurer in the very best sense of that word...

him in Yugoslavia asking to see him. The great novelist travelled up hill and down dale for three days and nights until he finally found Fitzroy in a cave...

Julian Critchley



Robert Kidd

Understanding the seas

PROFESSOR Robert Kidd, who has died of a heart attack aged 68, co-ordinated the largest international Earth Science research project in the world...

sedimentation by deep water currents and the formation of submarine metalliferous precipitates...

from North America to the University of Wales, Cardiff. It was Kidd who determined deep ocean drilling into the next millennium...

David Rickard
Robert Kidd, marine geoscientist, born September 17, 1927; died June 9, 1996

Letter

Michael Brandon writes: I was pleased to read in Lord Margdale's obituary (May 31) that his family had its roots in the drapery trade...

Death Notices

BARR, Archibald Campbell (block), aged 78, passed away in Gormona Hospital, on Monday 17th June 1996...

José María Valverde

Poetry of living speech

THE philosopher and poet José María Valverde, who has died aged 70, was a man of words and deeds...

The Franco regime forced him into exile in 1955, when he resigned his university of Barcelona chair of aesthetics in protest at the dismissal of his fellow philosopher José Luis Aranguren and others...

among his friends. It is not surprising that Valverde's first significant philosophical work was Guillermo de Humboldt y la filosofía del lenguaje (Karl Wilhelm von Humboldt and the Philosophy of Language, 1955)...



Unique... Valverde

Valverde (1976). It is amazing how Valverde managed to decant these quirkish masters of their own languages into Spanish which reveals itself as a perfect recipient for both...

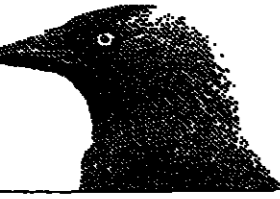
1975. But his great achievement was his Historia de la Literatura Universal in 10 volumes, begun in collaboration with Martí de Riquer in 1957...

Prize to Churchill or Hemingway — but not to his idol, Jiménez. He was awarded the national prize for translation and the city of Barcelona's prize for poetry on the occasion of the publication of his collected poems in 1991...

Birthdays

Metropolitan Anthony, head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Britain, 62; Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, 62; Archbishop of York, George Bell, 62; Archbishop of Liverpool, George Bell, 62...

Jackdaw



Healing Teresa

WHEN the Lancet's Robin Fox visited her in Kaligath in southern California, at her 'Hospital for the Dying' — a gaudily labelled long ago expunged from hospital nomenclature elsewhere — his manners could not disguise the shock of his discovery that recourse to medical advances in diagnosis, treatment, and the easing of pain are ' seldom permissible' because 'such systematic approaches are alien to the ethos of the home'...

care for self that Mother Teresa has habitually displayed on the several occasions when she has 'checked into some of the finest and costliest clinics and hospitals in the West during her bouts with heart trouble and old age'. We could ask of no harsher judge of the quality of the healing endeavours she dispenses to others than this woman who regards herself as 'a vessel of the Lord's purposes on earth to trust her life to the ministrations of her nuns and sisters. In the absence of a doctor who drops in now and then, they are left by Dr Fox's witness, to 'make decisions as best they can'...

their progress toward 'the greatest development of the human life, to die in peace and dignity, for that's for eternity'. Those still sentient who repair to her arms would apparently be wise to arrive well short of being in love with easeful death. The mind still slightly ajar that Hitchens bought to his initiation into her presence was quickly closed when his eye was struck by the sign on the door of her office that read: 'He that loveth correction loveth knowledge'...

More methods

WHENEVER your room-mate brushes his/her teeth, watch him/her do so. Take notes. Write a paper on it, and circulate it around campus. If your room-mate protests, say: 'The people have a right to know!'...

that you think that the king of the pancakes has been talking bribes. Buy a watermelon. Draw a face on it and give it a name. Ask your room-mate if the watermelon can sleep in his/her bed. If your room-mate says no, drop the watermelon out the window. Make it look like a suicide. Say nasty things about your room-mate at the funeral. Carry a jack-o-lantern. Complain to your room-mate that the jack-o-lantern has been staring at you. The next day, tell your room-mate that the jack-o-lantern thinks he/she has been staring at it. Confide in your room-mate that you really don't like the jack-o-lantern, but you can't convince it to move out. Hang a horse shoe above the door. Make up stories about having had good luck. Then, take the horse shoe down and wrap your shoe in bandages. When you see your room-mate, look above the door where the horse shoe used to be, hold your head and matter 'rapid horse shoe'...

Net moves

'I THINK Wittgenstein once asked, if in raising your arm, you could remove the intention of raising it, what would be left over? Is pure motion possible? It's an interesting question but, unless you had...

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Parkinson's Disease or some degenerative brain disease, we normally associate action with intent. In the case of the Telepolis performance last year, where people could remotely activate and access my body from Paris, Helsinki, Amsterdam and Luxembourg, I was watching parts of my body move as I hadn't initiated any of it. When you're immersed in the complexity of the system and things are operating both symbolically and successfully, you tend to drift off for a moment. A successful symbolical will often generate an anaesthesia of the body. The body doesn't remain aware of itself in a successful symbiosis and, if you're successfully operating a machine or performing in a complex cyber-system, you tend to merge with the machine. I'm not saying this in a pseudo-mystical way but simply, there's no master/slave relationship with you and the machine. Something happens in that symbiosis that goes beyond the sum of it's parts. In the midst of the performance, you become one intelligent operational system. There's no need to distinguish between a human operator and a slave mechanism and thus it's no longer meaningful to say that intelligence is simply residing in the biological body but rather in the operational system in which the body is only one component. The artist, Sielars attempts to describe what it feels like being cyber-poked and -drugged. He is a multimedia artist whose latest project is being plugged into the cyber-system and using a touch screen interface, the audience can directly control Sielars's movements from any where in the world, thereby rendering his central nervous system redundant. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4368; jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

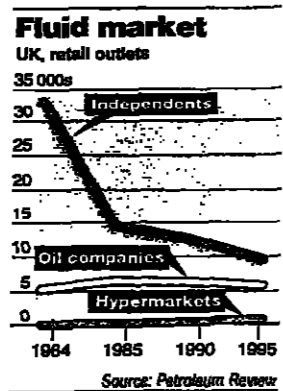
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MPs are being urged to save independent petrol retailers from going under. GEOFFREY GIBBS reports from Devon

Pumping up the price war action

THE Trade and Industry Select Committee is being pressed to prevent a wave of closures among small independent petrol retailers in the face of a savage petrol price war that is being waged in a corner of south Devon.



people will have to drive further to buy petrol and pay more for it," he said. The Teignbridge price war was inevitable once the irresistible force of the Esso Price Watch campaign hit the immovable object of a colourful "pile it high" discount hypermarket group trading near Newton Abbot.

Yesterday, it was offering unleaded at 44.9p a litre — keeping it 0.1p cheaper than local Esso stations and Tesco, and 10p to 13p cheaper than nearby independents.

"We are defending our corner and our business against Esso who somewhat belatedly are trying to snatch back some of the market share which they have lost through their complacency over the years. We are not going to go down without a fight."

The short term winners are the motorists who queue gratefully at Trago and the Tesco and Esso pumps around Newton Abbot. The losers are independent operators such as Hazel Alford. She has seen business halved at the petrol station she owns in Dawlish, seven miles away.

Grounded — now Everglades disaster airline may never fly again



SHARES in ValuJet fell yesterday after a US government decision to shut down the discount airline for at least 90 days, writes Jonathan Freedland in Washington.

Aviation Administration found the carrier guilty of using planes unfit to fly. The action was prompted by last month's crash of ValuJet flight 582 into the Florida Everglades in which 110 people died.

pressed doubts yesterday that ValuJet, based in Atlanta where planes were yesterday grounded at Hartsfield International Airport (above), would ever return to business after its month-long suspension.

denied the FAA move as "grossly unfair." The FAA now faces serious questions over why it took the Florida crash to prompt it to move against ValuJet. FAA Administrator David Hinson was expected to fire Anthony Bro-

derick, the senior official in charge of supervising low-cost airlines. Speculation that leading carriers which had cut fares to compete with ValuJet would now raise them proved unfounded.

Platforms for national success

Norwegians brought North Sea oil ashore years before Britain and turn up their noses at privatisation. Sarah Ryle reports

IT was raining, windy and visibility was minimal on the Norwegian oil rig Gullfaks A. "Normally we can see the British rigs from here," said the Statoil company man conspiratorially. "If it was not so foggy, you would see the black smoke coming out of their rigs. Our smoke is white."

then two weeks on the platform followed by four weeks rest — said: "Safety in Norway is much better than in other countries. You have to look at how clean a rig is. A dirty rig is more dangerous because of fire risk and the possibility of slipping."

careful fiscal management, part of which is careful use of oil revenues. The most apparent difference between the Norwegian and British approach to their North Sea assets is the Petroleum Fund. This year, the Norwegian parliament has allocated its budget surplus of £1.06 billion to the fund. After soaring unemployment and plummeting GDP in the late 1980s, attributed partly to the use of oil money to increase welfare schemes and partly to the price shock of 1986, the government has grown cautious.

This fund, and the continued huge investment in technological developments (worth between £4 billion to £5 billion annually until the year 2000) gives some indication as to how central oil is to Norway. Improved technology is vital because it will enable the industry to access more of the reserves, now estimated at 23 billion barrels, of which 20 per cent has been produced.

on every year since the peak of 1984 when the industry yielded almost 27 billion. The income is gained in three main ways. The tax and royalty system, made up of corporate tax of 28 per cent plus an industry-specific tax of 50 per cent less deductions and royalties worth about 8 to 16 per cent of gross production value, is one and is worth about £2.5 billion.



Forecourt fears... Many small petrol stations believe they will be forced out of business

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Unions target 'new insecure'

Workface/TUC trying to break out of decline, writes Seumas Milne

TRADE unions must learn from the New Unionism of the 1890s, the United States black civil rights movement and the struggles of the Swedish-American union martyr Joe Hill, if they are to break out of the cycle of 17 years of declining membership and influence, TUC leader John Monks declared yesterday.

Mr Monks believes that, instead of political fixes or poaching each other's catches, unions should concentrate recruitment in the new and newly insecure industries, just as the New Unionism of the last century broke out of the craft ghetto and attracted hundreds of thousands of unskilled and women workers.

He warned trade unions against expecting a Labour government to bail them out. "We cannot and must not rely on a change of public policy to lead to an increase in union membership," he said. "Recruitment is a job for unions, not for government."

Union organisers from Australia and the United States — where the labour movements are also battling to reverse declining membership — also spoke at yesterday's conference. John Sweeney, the newly elected leader of the American AFL-CIO (the TUC equivalent), has promised to spend one-third of the federation's budget on organisation and recruitment by 1998.

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ROYAL ASCOT

Bijou grit heads off French challenge

Chris Hawkins

WORKSHIRE grit triumphed over French finesse as Bijou d'Inde fought back to head Ashkalmi and become the first northern-trained winner of the Aga Khan's Palace Stakes for 20 years at Royal Ascot yesterday.

Mark Johnston, the Scotsman who has put Middleham back on the training map in the last few years, knew Bijou d'Inde was a "bonny fighter" and never gave up hope after the Aga Khan's Ashkalmi came cruising through to take it up two out.

"I knew French horses are trained for speed and not for battle, so I still thought we were in with a chance," said Johnston. "My horses are tough and are taught to go in front and keep going."

Bijou d'Inde, the 10-year-old, knew what was before of him and when his jockey, Jason Weaver, called for more he dug deep, worrying Ashkalmi out of it in the final strides.

Many thought Mick Kinane had hit the front too soon on the favourite and if he could ride the race again he would hold on to him a little longer, but this was the first time he had ridden the colt, who was partnered by Gerald Mosse, now suspended, when winning the French 2,000.

makes him the second biggest I've ever had, but he has always shown fantastic form on the gallops and I knew he had a group one race in him.

"The Eclipse might be next, but I'd be worried about him getting the mile and a quarter. What I'd really like is for him to win the Breeders' Cup Mile."

Punters got off to a good start at the meeting when Charnwood Forest, fractionally odds-on, cantered home by four lengths in the Queen Anne Stakes.

Charnwood Forest was welcomed in by Tom Albertrani, assistant-trainer to Godolphin's Saad Bin Surour.

Charnwood Forest was formerly with Cigar's trainer, Bill Mott, in the United States and finds racing methods very different commenting: "In the States it's all dirt and flat ovals. Here it's straight runs and hills."

One of the most impressive winners of the afternoon was Verglas in the Coventry Stakes, the Irish colt powering two and a half lengths clear of Daylight in Dubai, with Deadly Dudley, the favourite, third.

Verglas is trained by Kevin Prendergast, whose only previous winner at the Royal meeting was Ore in the 1981 Queen's Vase, although his father the legendary Paddy, sent out six Coventry winners.

"This horse has tremendous speed, but I can't see any reason why he won't stay the distance next season," said Prendergast. "He's owned by Tony O'Reilly, who sponsors the Heinz 57 Stakes and that'll be his next race."



Head to head... Jason Weaver and Bijou d'Inde (left) get up to thwart Mick Kinane and Ashkalmi in yesterday's St James's Palace Stakes

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Blaze Of Song can hit high notes

Chris Hawkins says the in-form Hannon runner is favoured by the weights and draw in today's Royal Hunt Cup

PAUL COLE, who trains amid the magical surroundings of Whatcombe in Berkshire Downs, has won all the two-year-old events at Royal Ascot except the Queen Mary Stakes. More Silver should rectify the omission this afternoon.

Over the years high numbers have held an advantage in the Hunt Cup, with three of the last six winners coming from stall 50. Kayvee, the old Ascot specialist who has finished fifth in this race in the last two years, is drawn in the favoured stall this time. He should again go close, but Blaze Of Song (4.20), who is also well drawn in 26, gets my vote.

Richard Hannon's four-year-old is attractively weighted with 8st 1lb and seems to be running into form. Behaviour was my original choice, but Julie Cecil, the colt's trainer, says that he has a slight problem with one of his feet and he is not certain to run. In the Queen's Vase Peter Chapple-Ryan's Backdrop, second in the Italian Derby, is the form choice, but Henry Cecil's runners must always be respected in this race. Cecil has won it four times in the last nine years, but poses something of a problem today by saddling three runners - Benatom, Sherpas and Valectory.

Record win for Yank at Ascot

THE victory of 25-1 chance Sea Freedom over 100-1 shot Mirador in the Ascot Stakes yesterday produced a record Totalisator Forecast dividend of £8,237 for a £1 stake, writes Chris Hawkins. The previous record was £4,605 at Newmarket two years ago.

Royal Ascot runners and riders with form

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Moments of Fortune. 40/1 says you're due one at Royal Ascot.

ROYAL HUNT CUP 1m Handicap, Royal Ascot, 4.20pm. Live on BBC. 9/1 Yeast, 12/1 Silvian Bliss, 14/1 Aki, 14/1 Behaviour, 14/1 Blomberg, 14/1 Kayvee, 14/1 Tertium, 16/1 New Century, 18/1 Tarawa, 18/1 Serious, 28/1 Amrak Ajeab, 28/1 Crumpton Hill, 28/1 Donna Viola, 28/1 Stone Ridge, 25/1 Ger's Royale, 25/1 Moving Arrow, 33/1 Cadeaux Tryst, 33/1 Czarna, 33/1 Desert Green, 33/1 Green Gran Desert, 33/1 Gymcrak Premiere, 33/1 Pengamon, 33/1 Star Talent, 40/1 Moments of Fort., 40/1 Star Manager, 40/1 Wild Rica, 48/1 Zygo, 50/1 Blaze of song, 50/1 Mo-Aiddab, 66/1 Chikawakia, 300/1 Cadez La Passage.

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EURO 96

The tomatoes are out for Sacchi



Paddy Agnew reports that Italians are hostile to the coach's innovations

CRUEL cartoon this week in the sports pages of La Repubblica neatly sums up the difficult situation into which Italy have played themselves on the eve of tonight's decisive game against Germany.

A harassed-looking Italian Football Federation president Antonio Matarrese is busy reassuring people that Italy have two game plans ready for tonight's match. Game plan one involves a strategy to beat Germany, game plan two concerns a plan for effecting a re-entry into Italy in the case of defeat.

Even the Sicilian Mafia godfather, if you believe the words of Paddy Agnew, has been widely quoted as saying that Sacchi's tactics and selection against the Czechs were nothing less than "suicidal".

Rivera, like almost everybody else, concedes that all decisive analysis of Sacchi's handling of the team must await the outcome of tonight's game. However, he then has no hesitation in pointing a finger at Sacchi and in particular at his decision to make five changes for the Czech game. "You simply don't change a winning side, do you?" And therefore, given that the players (against Russia) seemed to me in generally good shape, there remains only one explanation: Sacchi overrated himself.

Rivera's words touch the critical keynote that has accompanied Sacchi almost since he took over Italy in November 1994: that the coach is over-ambitious, probably he felt that to win he only had to mechanically apply his soccer theories.



Genius or mad professor? ... Sacchi takes his players on a training run at their Alsager base

PHOTOGRAPH: PAOLO COCCO

much better. Rivera apparently agrees, saying this week that it would be a great pity if Italy were to go out in the first round of this championship since "our players are the best around".

There are many who remain convinced that the success of those tactics with which Milan side owed more to the presence of three Dutchmen called Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard than to Sacchi. They argue that such tactics, applied to an all-Italian side, simply do not work.

Charges were low but even so the project is expected to break even. "It's been far better than anyone could have hoped," said Cale. "The supporters could not have been better. They can come back here any time they want."

That feeling continued after the match, when the Dutch ended the evening bellowing out Flower of Scotland, and the favour was returned with the Scots doing their best with the Dutch anthem.

return up front and Roberto Di Matteo displaces Dino Baggio in midfield, but Diego Fuser and Roberto Donadoni continue on the flanks. One other change is forced on the Italians: Amedeo Carboni replaces the suspended Luigi Apolloni in defence.

A yawn for the Yanks

EURO 96 DIARY

AND now for the soccer news: a resurgent Zambia rolled back a 2-0 lead to beat Sudan 3-2; Zaire trounced Mauritius 7-1 on aggregate; and the Los Angeles Galaxy preserved their unbeaten record by beating the Tampa Bay Mutiny in a penalty shoot-out. Oh yes, and 16 countries are slugging it out in a minor soccer tournament somewhere in Europe.

That is about as much as any football fan is likely to divine from the sports pages of the American newspapers, which apparently regard the European Championship as a story of only slightly more import than a burst water main in Jakarta. It's not that Americans aren't interested in any kind of football that doesn't require shoulder pads, on the contrary the papers have been full of news of the US Cup, a local soccer tournament pitting the home team against Mexico and Ireland.

But a clash of the European football powers, it seems, excites American sports fans as much as a debate on European monetary policy. Even the New York Times, America's self-styled journal of record, seemed grudging as it devoted six paragraphs to "some bits and pieces" about the tournament yesterday.

At least the New York Times runs daily results and table standings in a little box above the section entitled Sports. USA Today, the country's only out-and-out national paper, doesn't go even that far. Its soccer column yesterday reported that the US women's team would be announced this week and that Algeria had advanced their coach after being eliminated by Russia. There was some European Championship news: the New York/New Jersey Metrostars hoped that Germany would beat Italy so that their star, Roberto Donadoni, would be available for next weekend's Major League Soccer fixture.

Russia suffer back pain

RUSSIA lost their swagger when they entered the last-chance saloon. Now they have lost their defence.

The Russians were in trouble at the back even before the tournament, when the first-choice defender Dmitri Khlestov and Ramiz Mamedov suffered serious injuries. Dmitri Popov and Yevgeny Bushmanov were called up as replacements, and both are now injured. And Yuri Kovtun, the Dynamo Moscow defender who has played both games so far, and Viktor Onopko, the captain and the foundation stone of the defence, are suspended for tonight's game at Anfield, where Russia must win by at least two goals to give themselves a chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

Dusan Uhrin's problems are comparatively minor. The midfielders Radoslaw Latul and Jiri Nemej may not be fit in time and the captain and sweeper Miroslav Kadlec is likely to take his place.

"We will be quite aggressive," Uhrin promised. "Their forwards play very well if the other team allows them to."

Sunderland in Lechkov chase

Ian Ross

BULGARIA's elegant midfielder Yordan Lechkov may play in the Premiership next season with newly promoted Sunderland.

With an estimated £6 million to strengthen a squad considered by many to be lacking in quality, Sunderland's manager Peter Reid is anxious to recruit the 28-year-old Lechkov before the end of the European Championship finals.

Reid has already made contact with the player's German club Hamburg, and was pleasantly surprised to learn during preliminary negotiations that one of European football's most respected talents might be available for as little as £1.3 million.

Lechkov joined Hamburg from CSKA Sofia in 1992 and scored the winning goal for his country against Germany in the 1994 World Cup quarter-final in the United States.

The site where friendship is in tents

John Duncan at the supporters' camp in Birmingham, a successful Euro 96 initiative

LEN CALE was a happy man. It was pouring with rain, water was leaking through the roof of his makeshift office, and two Dutch teenagers had just complained that their electricity was off. But he was still smiling, because as manager of Birmingham's Euro 96 campsite he was overseeing Europe's most successful football experiment.

Local residents were wary when the Moor Lane Sports and Social Club ground near the M6 in Aston was first mooted as a temporary campsite for supporters of all the teams playing at Villa Park. The Dutch had been painted as hooligans, the Scots liked to destroy all things English. Couldn't it be restricted to the Swis?

Rugby Union

Tour match: Scotland 35, Bay of Plenty 31

Scots show dash in the ash

VOLCANIC ash floating in from the eruption of Mount Ruapehu, some 80 miles away, could not dampen Scottish spirit in Rotorua yesterday, as the tourists pulled back from 31-22 down to beat Bay of Plenty in a game played at a suitably explosive pace.

But the dust also failed to hide the ground the tourists must still make up if they are to take revenge in Saturday's second meeting with the All Blacks in Auckland. Scotland's coach Richie Dixon said: "Our commitment was good to start with but we allowed them to dictate the middle part of the game. We have a lot of things to work on."

Results

Rugby Union

Wales 35, Scotland 31. Wales led 10-0 at half-time. Gareth Jones (15) and Gwyn Iwan (12) scored tries for Wales. Scotland's only try came from Iwan Tukalo (12). Wales also scored two penalties and three drop goals.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York Yankees 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 3. Yankees scored four runs in the fifth inning. New York's ace pitcher, Dwight Gooden, pitched a complete game.

Cricket

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

England 233, Scotland 110. England's batsmen dominated the first day of play. Ian Botham scored a century for England.

Fixtures

Cricket

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Final day): England vs Scotland at Lord's, London. The match will be broadcast live on television.

Cycling

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND

Stage 15: Liechtenstein. The race covered 140 miles and was won by a Swiss rider. The competition is now in its final stages.

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EURO 96: HUMBLING HOLLAND SCRAPE THROUGH AS SCOTS EXIT WITH A WIN

Group A: England 4, Holland 1

All England's dreams come true

David Lacey at Wembley

ENGLAND are coming, and in far greater force than anyone could have expected. Terry Venables' team finally broke their mould of mundane mediocrity last night and not only beat Holland with a flurry of goals but brought the Dutch to the brink of elimination.

It took a late shot from a substitute, Patrick Kluijvert, through the legs of David Seaman to keep Holland's interest in Euro 96 alive, but the result was never in doubt. Two goals apiece from Alan Shearer and Terry Sheringham brought England a famous victory, spoiled only by the yellow card which will keep Paul Ince out of Saturday's quarter-final against Spain.

A draw was always going to satisfy both teams but, if England fancied the prospect of playing Spain for a place in the semi-finals, then the thought had surely occurred to the Dutch as well.

In addition, it was hard to imagine that the opportunity to settle some not-so-old scores had been entirely thrust to the backs of England's minds. The two encounters in 1993 which had done so much harm to England's World Cup hopes, Holland's 2-2 draw at Wembley and their 2-0 victory in Rotterdam, sorely rankled with England still.

As expected, both Terry Venables and Guus Hiddink left well alone in the matter of team selection. Equally predictably, Southgate had moved back from midfield to keep Adams currency in a back four, in fact the Aston Villa player was given the task of picking up Bergkamp.

Certainly England's defenders needed to keep their wits about them as Holland, with Winter and Hoekstra giving them plenty of width, pressed forward from the outset, nearly scored in the seventh minute. After a corner from Anderton, Shearer drove the ball low through a thicket of legs only to see Witschge clear the shot off the goal-line.

Bergkamp, hovering between Adams and Southgate, was always going to be a danger. Just past the quarter-hour Blind's long pass released Arsenal's Dutchman and Bergkamp's claim that he was held back by Southgate seemed justified.

After 21 minutes the picture changed. This, in essence, was Rotterdam regained, remembering the way Koeman's grappling foul on Platt in the

penalty arc had denied Graham Taylor's team a probable goal three years earlier. Now England got their penalty.

An inspired pass from Sheringham released McManaman on the right and, after cutting inside, the Liverpool man found Ince making a Platt-like run through the middle. As Ince passed Blind the Dutch captain left a trailing leg, bringing down the England midfielder. A yellow card for Blind, then Shearer drove the penalty low past Van der Sar.

Now confidence flowed through the veins of England's football and they might have increased their lead on the half-hour. Anderton ducked under Gascoigne's free-kick from the right, fooling the Dutch defenders, and Sheringham gave himself space for a firmly struck shot which Van der Sar held.

But by half-time Bergkamp might have given Holland the lead on his own. First he volleyed the ball wide after Seaman had punched out Seedorf's corner. Then he met another corner, from Reiziger, with a downward header which went wide of the near post, and in the next instant only Seaman's alertness, in leaving his line thwarted the Dutch striker after Southgate had failed to stay with him on a through-ball.

Three minutes before half-time Gascoigne cleverly directed a centre from Gary Neville across the Dutch goalmouth for Sheringham's stretching toe-poke to drift past the far post.

Ince was booked for a needless tug on Cruyff before the interval but amazingly England scored three times between the 50th and 62nd minutes.

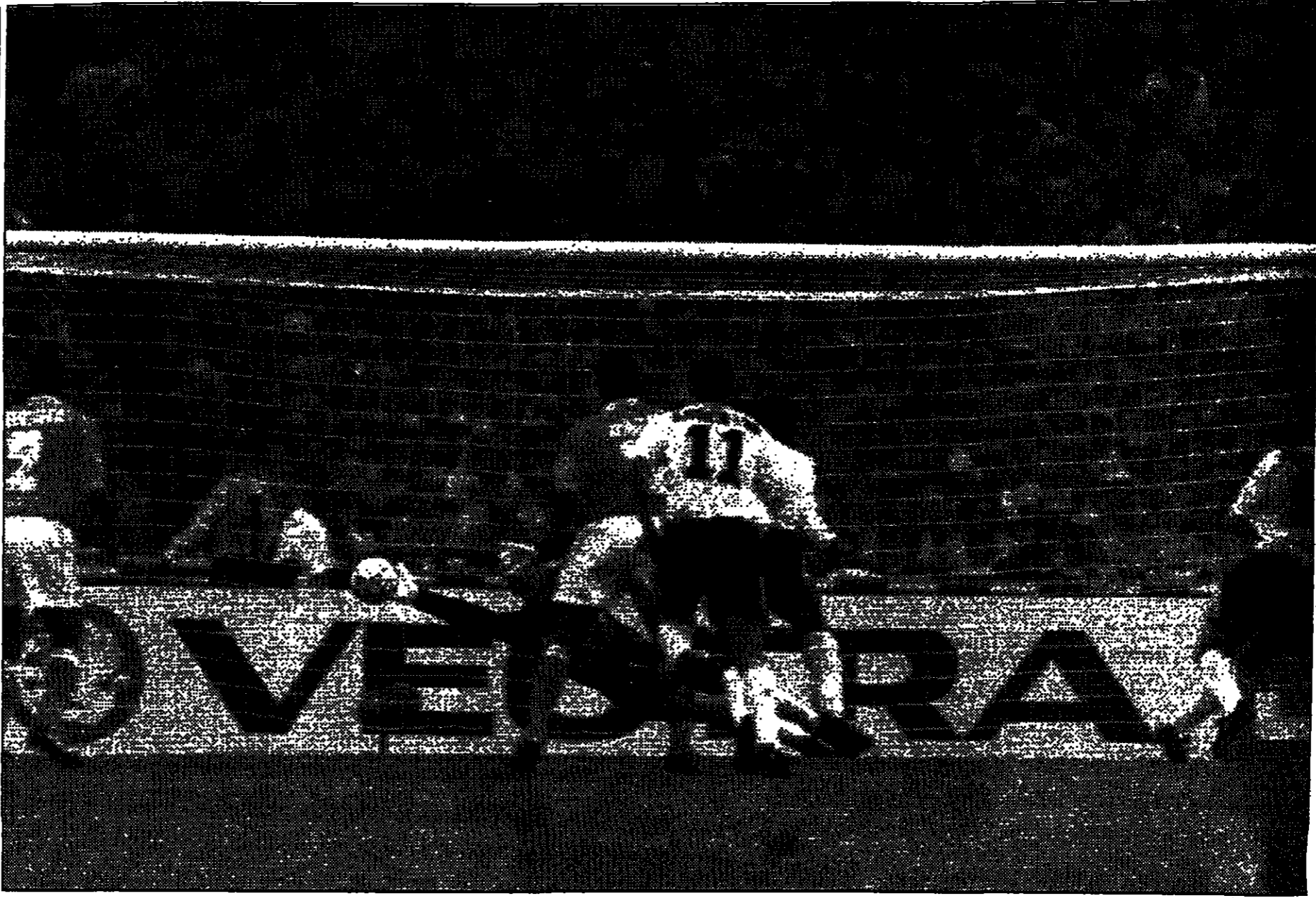
A neat movement by Anderton, Sheringham and McManaman forced a corner on the left and Gascoigne's kick was flighted for Sheringham to head past Van der Sar.

Three minutes before the hour Gascoigne brushed past Winter on the left and slipped the ball beyond Blind to Sheringham, who instead of shooting feinted and sent in Shearer, lurking in his right, for a resounding shot inside the near post.

Five minutes later, with the Dutch defence nowhere, Shearer sent in Anderton for a shot which took a slight deflection and was well saved by Van der Sar, only for Sheringham to score England's fourth from the rebound.

McManaman, Shearer, Adams, Southgate, Pearce, Anderton, Gascoigne, Ince (P), Blain, McManaman, Sheringham (B), Shearer (F), Cruyff (C), Witschge (D), Winter (D), De Boer (D), Koek (D), Cruyff, Bergkamp, Reiziger (A).

Referee G Grabner (Austria).



Spot on... Shearer drives his penalty past Holland's goalkeeper Van der Sar to put England one up and on the way to their convincing victory last night. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARNON

Destiny calls as Venables men look simply the best

Richard Williams on a triumph of the will for newlook England

ENGLAND'S opponents in Saturday's quarter-final at Wembley will be Spain, who qualified in dramatic fashion yesterday after beating Romania 2-1 in Group B.

home the winner from close range. Until then it had looked as if Bulgaria, who lost 3-1 to France, might still sneak in.

to play at Wembley," he said. "And my team-mates won the [European] Cup there."

Scotland 1, Switzerland 0

Scots hopes rise and fall on the air waves

Patrick Glenn at Villa Park

SCOTLAND were cruelly evicted from the European Championship last night after coming up one measly goal short of the real thing. Having helped themselves with a victory over the Swiss which should have been by a wider margin, the Scots appeared to have been pushed into the last eight when England raced to a four-goal lead over the Dutch at Wembley.

surely established a record of sorts: no team in the tournament so many golden opportunities in the opening 12 minutes of a match.

The suspicion that some kind of malevolent providence was at work, determined to keep Craig Brown's team on the rack, goal-free, seemed to be confirmed when

two of the three chances fell to McCoist, who would normally have converted them without blinking.

The first arrived in the sixth minute when Collins swung in a corner from the right and Durie flicked it on towards the six-yard box. McCoist met it on the drop-heel and Pascolo, with the merest fingertip, deflected the

ball on to the underside of the bar, from where it bounced back into play.

The second came from McKinnlay's impeccably placed centre from the left, finding Burley on the far side of the penalty area and allowing him to push the ball back across goal. McCoist, unattended, had time to bring the ball down and pick his place in the net. But his slight delay allowed Pascolo to rush from goal, spread himself and deflect the shot with an outstretched foot. The miss seemed hardly credible.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1.5 Nelson's party in search of the Italian Green journalist (7); 10.17 Labour ran fake numbers for diarist (4,5); 11. Company of Wales reported Arab set-back in place of instruction (10); 12. Nolsly drove off to the continent (5); 13. Touchstones, sometimes, are rogue males (8); 14. Seed crops sown for peas now and then (9); 15. President Truman's badger? (5); 17. See 10; 19. Dalmation town repairs, first off, damaged locks (5,4); 23. Spain, too, built an Italian resort (5); 24. Bobby, in the force, is managing quite well (6); 26. Those who do contrive Socialists' succession of French/German mistress (10); 27. Excuse withdrawn in 22.25 after clearing sump? Yes! (4); 28. That girl - is she French? (7); 29. A Christmas box posted well in time? (7); 30. Cattle baron who managed a pop singer? (7); 31. Touchstones came into being as an afterthought (5); 32. Journalists who publish when they come out (7); 33. Mr. Fish's line is "Rling up Mr. Nesbitt" (6); 34. Slightly disordered, Surrey town supports Virginia to ring the changes (9); 35. Short Australian jumper's half-hunter, "Charicleer" (7); 36. Small-time fictional journalist's commission.

Euro 96 results

Table showing Euro 96 results for Group A, B, C, and D, including teams, goals scored, and match details.

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